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This program is about unsolved mysteries. Whenever possible, the actual family members

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and police officials have participated in recreating the events. What you are about

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to see is not a news broadcast.

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Shortly after the death of his grandfather, Don Decker's life took on a disturbing almost

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supernatural dimension. Suddenly, wherever Don was, rain mysteriously began to appear,

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leaving his friends to wonder if he had somehow been possessed. But for Don Decker, the rain

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was only the beginning.

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February 24, 1992 was an unseasonably warm night in the San Francisco Bay area. For

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Michael Hunter, it seemed a perfect evening for a motorcycle ride. He had no idea what

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was waiting for him. When Irene Love was 16, she was startled to learn that she had been

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adopted. That discovery led to a stunning revelation about Irene's long-lost best friend

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from childhood.

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We will also introduce you to a man who apparently made his living as a professional hospital

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patient until one of his feigned illnesses turned fatal. It is one of the oddest scams

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we have ever encountered. Perhaps you can help unravel it on Unsolved Mystery.

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February 24, 1983, in Strausberg, Pennsylvania, a funeral of James Kishpaugh is in progress.

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He had died of cirrhosis of the liver at the age of 63. His grandson, 21-year-old Don

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Decker, had been granted a furlough from a county jail to attend the funeral. Don was

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serving a four to 12-month sentence for receiving stolen property. It was a capstone of a troubled

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adolescence. But no one knew as that Don had been keeping a dark secret. He says at his

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grandfather James, the man he was now obliged publicly to mourn, had abused him physically

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from the time he was seven years old.

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No other part of the family knew anything about what happened. It was like good fight

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and evil. Basically, I put it. The evil was gone and I was hoping that everything would

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change.

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In fact, things would change, and drastically, but not in a way Don Decker could ever have

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imagined. After the funeral, Don was completely on earth by the way his parents glorified

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his grandfather's memory. He decided to spend the night with his friends, Bob and Jeannie

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Kieffer, whom he had met a few months earlier. It was at the Kieffer's funeral that he was

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home that all the uneasy feelings stirred up at his grandfather's funeral came back to

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haunt Don. Suddenly, the air around him vibrated with a deep chill. Almost simultaneously,

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water began to drip from the living room walls. Don fell into an eerie, trance-like state.

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Jeannie, have you got water running back there? Come take a look at this. We've got a leak.

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Oh my God, look at that. It's all over the wall.

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At a total loss, they decided to notify the landlord, Ron Van Huay. Get some pots or a

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bucket or something. I'm going to call Ron.

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The phone rang, and I got a call from my tenant, Bob, and he said, you have to come down. We

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have a problem. And I said, well, what's the problem? He says, well, I can't tell you,

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he says, just come down. He says, but he says, you have to come down right away.

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Hey, Bob, what's up?

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When Ron arrived, he was just as puzzled as a keeper's about the cause of the problem.

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Look, it's on the walls, too. Sure is. We decided that maybe, you know, some plumbing,

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but there were no pipes in the front end of the house to leak. There was basically nothing

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there that the water could have come from. After watching it for a while, I discovered

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that it wasn't only coming from the ceiling down. It could come from the wall over or

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from the floor up. There was no, you know, no basic direction that it was coming from.

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You know, it could come from anywhere.

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Ron Van Huay telephoned his wife, Romaine, and police officer John Bojan. Officer Bojan

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didn't know what to make of the strange scene inside the keeper house. He brought in his

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partner, patrolman Richard Wolbert.

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At this point, he was telling me, I just want you to walk into the house. And I said, well,

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I'm not walking into the house unless you explain to me what I'm walking into. He says, trust

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me, trust me, just walk into the house. I walked in the door and he came right in behind me,

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and I couldn't have got two steps inside the front door, and I was absolutely pelted.

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We were standing just inside the front door, and then there's drop of water traveling horizontally,

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and it's passed right between us and just traveled out into the next room.

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Unbelievable. And this is only happening in this room. The rest of the house is dry.

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I literally had a shiver going up my spine. It made me like make the hair stand up on

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your neck. That's how I felt. This was a situation where things were happening that I never,

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ever dreamed could possibly happen, and there was no way of explaining what was going on.

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We're going to get you outside and we're going to take you from there. Let's just go outside.

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I'd like to stick around.

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At this point, officers Bojan and Wolbert left to report the incident to the police chief.

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While the keeper and Don Decker, who'd gone hours without food, walked across the street

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and had something to eat, Ron Van Huy and his wife remained behind.

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They left, and everything else left too. The rain stopped. The house was normal.

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Ron, look, it's stopping.

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We were kind of thinking that maybe it was coming from them, and we weren't sure at that time which one,

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but we kind of figured, you know, because when they left, it left, you know,

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so we were sure it had something to do with one of them.

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It had now been 23 hours since the mysterious rain began. Pam Scrofano,

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who owned the restaurant opposite the keeper's house, had visited them earlier that day

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and seen the rain firsthand.

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Worse than this morning?

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Yes.

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Pam was convinced it was the devil's handiwork and that the devil was acting through Don Decker.

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No, no, no, no, you should probably call the church. Have the priest come over and take a look at you.

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You look, you know, Donny, and he was like in the trends, you know, he would look at you,

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but not knowing that you were there. I said to Junior, I said, you know, he's got to be possessed.

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Oh my God.

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Oh my God.

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Oh my God.

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We sit in there.

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This is what's going on.

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A couple seconds later, there's water all over the pizzeria too.

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You have a crucifix?

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Hey.

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You have a crucifix?

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No, I have.

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I've never seen anything like that happen in my life, so I went in the cash register,

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I had a crucifix there, I took it out, put it on him, and the minute, you know,

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I put it on him, touched the skin, and he got burned.

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It burned.

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It burned.

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Of course, burned him, and it turned black.

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This boy is possessed. You have to call, you have to call the church.

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You have to have the priest come and look at him.

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I'm going back to the house to wait for the police.

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There's no way that anybody could have played a joke like that.

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This was real. Donnie was doing it himself, and he was doing it without realizing it,

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that he was doing it.

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Take him to the church and have the priest come and look at him.

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That's what you should do.

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We'll call him.

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We'll call him.

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Even Don Decker had begun to believe that he was somehow responsible.

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The rain in the restaurant was the final straw.

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And now it's stopping.

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It made me more sure that I had something to do with it, because it was following me.

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And it didn't start raining in the house until I got there.

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They were living there, nothing ever happened.

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And that's when I started realizing that it was me.

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It's not a coincidence. They think it's him.

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I don't buy it.

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This is horrible.

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Back at the Kiefer's house, Romain Van Huy confronted Don Decker,

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accusing him of somehow causing all the trouble on purpose.

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This is your fault. You hate it rain in the living room.

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You made it rain at Pepp's place. This is all your fault.

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It's you, Donnie. You're the one that's doing this, and you have to make it stop.

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You can't get quiet in town.

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The pots and pans, they were over the stove. They started rattling.

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So when I got levitated off the floor, it was just like floating.

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Then it was like a push, but it wasn't like somebody taking your hand and pushing you.

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It was like feeling it all over your body at one.

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And I'm a big guy, you know?

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I've always been assertive, and that made me feel like a newborn.

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I'm scared right now. I'm just talking about it, really.

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I believe that there was, I don't know if you call it an evil spirit,

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but whatever a demon possessed his body and caused this, I, you know...

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Well, this better be good, gentlemen.

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Wake me up in the middle of the night. I'm out here out here.

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A few hours after the strange incident in the kitchen,

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officers Bo Jen and Wohlbert arrived with their chief, a hardened skeptic in tow.

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I got a seven o'clock meeting with the mayor tomorrow morning.

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When the chief got to the house, he was pelted with water, just as Rich and I was.

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I got the impression that he was put on the spot, maybe a little bit embarrassed,

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like we expected something out of him that he could answer.

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This looks like a problem with your pipes.

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There was no way to explain what happened, and I think he was put in a position

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where he might have felt a little uncomfortable.

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Dry as a bone on the other side of the house.

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The Strasbourg, Pennsylvania chief of police would be one of the only eye witnesses

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from that bizarre night who denied that anything out of the ordinary had happened.

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You got me out of bed for this?

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Hey, chief.

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This isn't a police problem. This is a plumbing problem.

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This is a police problem. These people are helpless.

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These people are having a joke with you. They're having their way with you.

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Look, nobody's being hurt here. Nobody's being threatened.

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So we're out of here. We'll talk about it outside.

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Okay.

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All right, don't worry. We'll take care of it.

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The police chief ordered his officers to leave the Kiefer house.

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He instructed them not to file a report.

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In fact, he directed them not to speak of the incident at all.

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I think he just wanted out that he could not give us an explanation for it.

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He couldn't help us. He couldn't provide us with anything more than what we had experienced

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and what we had come up with.

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Well, he just flat out denied it. It didn't happen,

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and he tried to convince me that nothing happened, and he wasn't going to do that.

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I saw it, and that's all there is to it.

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The next day, acting against the specific orders of the police chief,

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three of his veteran officers went to the Kiefer home

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to try and figure out what was going on.

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You're all right. All right. Nice and loose.

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One of the officers was Bill Davies.

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All right. All right. This will just take a second.

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Bring your hands behind your back.

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We're standing there, and I gave Mr. Dekker this gold cross to hold.

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Just hold onto that for a minute.

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The next thing is, it's burning my hands.

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It burns.

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And there's no explanation for it.

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When you picked it up, when you grabbed it, not hot, hot, but it's hot.

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And that's when I held onto it.

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Hey, what's going on here?

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Hey, guys.

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All of a sudden, he lifted up off the ground,

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and he flew across the room with the force of though a bust that hit him.

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Oh, my God. Donny.

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Look at him.

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And there were three claw marks on the side of his neck.

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It was due blood.

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Oh, my God. Look at this. Now, come on.

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I have no answer for it whatsoever.

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And I just draw a blank, even to today.

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Having to cut 40 years, and I never ran anything like this here, never.

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There's always an explanation when something happens.

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If you got investigated, you come up with something.

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This is why it happened.

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This case here, there is no explanation.

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There's an evil upon this house.

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Finally on the third night, Ron Van Huy was able to convince an evangelical preacher,

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who we will call Reverend Johnson, to come to the house and attempt an exorcism.

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We all must kneel and pray.

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Every Protestant minister and Catholic priest in Strausburg had turned Ron down.

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The Van Huys and the Keepers kept vigil, while Reverend Johnson prayed for Don.

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Oh, Father.

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We want in heaven.

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As she started to pray, Donny went into, like a convulsion.

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He started to shake.

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He pulled himself up into like a ball.

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And the longer she prayed, he started to relax then.

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His whole body seemed to quiet completely down.

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And as you're standing there watching this, you could feel the house itself seemed to take on a total different feeling.

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We know you trespass against us.

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Lead us not into temptation.

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And by the time she got done praying, the water was gone.

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And that was the last that we saw of any water at the house at all.

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Amazingly, the rain had stopped.

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Don Decker appeared to return to his old self.

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Some witnesses believe that Reverend Johnson had performed a miracle or an exorcism.

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But whatever it was, the results had proved to be only fleeting.

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After his furlough, Don Decker returned to the Monroe County Jail.

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Within a few days, the mysterious rain had once again materialized.

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Guard! Guard! Get me out of here!

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What's the problem here?

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Look at me. I'm soaking wet. It's all wet. Now get me out of here!

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Drake, Drake, can you get him out of here?

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They put me in a maximum security cell.

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And I was in there with another mate.

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And I was thinking, you know, I wish it would make it rain in here.

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All of a sudden, water just started coming out of a concrete floor.

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And at that point, I thought I could do stuff.

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What are you doing? You throwing water into cell walls from the sink or from the toilet or something?

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Huh?

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I can control it.

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00:16:44,040 --> 00:16:48,040

This time it was different. This time Don felt powerful.

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00:16:48,040 --> 00:16:51,040

He realized he could manipulate the rain at will.

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You can control the rain.

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00:16:53,040 --> 00:16:58,040

I tell you what, if you can control the rain, make it rain in the warden's office.

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00:16:58,040 --> 00:17:01,040

Make it rain in Dave Keenhold's office.

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00:17:02,040 --> 00:17:06,040

I was sitting at the desk and I was writing a report.

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I was all by myself in administration area. Nobody else was around.

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It was approximately eight o'clock in the evening.

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At the time, I didn't feel anything. My shirt was drooping down.

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Yeah, come in.

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Excuse me, warden. I was just down talking to the director.

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I didn't know what was going on and the officer told me to look at my shirt.

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What did you do?

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A brand new shirt.

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And right here on about the center of my sternum, about four inches long, two inches wide, I was just saturated with water.

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And he said he could make it rain.

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I was startled. I was scared.

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So was the officer. The officer was very frightened at that particular time.

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And I just didn't have an explanation of why it happened.

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All of a sudden, I received this frantic call from a sergeant in the jail.

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His name is Keenhold. And he said, can you come over? We need you. We need your help.

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Reverend Blackburn, nice to meet you. Sit down, please. Thank you, officer. We'll be fine.

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So they brought this very meek, mild, mannered young man into their room.

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00:18:16,040 --> 00:18:19,040

And he was asking my help.

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What is it here? What's going on?

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I can make it rain. They put a cross around my neck and it burned.

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Rosary in my hand and it burned.

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00:18:27,040 --> 00:18:33,040

Son, don't you think it would be a lot simpler if you just stopped all this nonsense right now?

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00:18:33,040 --> 00:18:36,040

You're making all this up, aren't you?

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All of a sudden, like that demeanor changed. And the smell came into the room.

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Nurses and doctors, medical people will tell you that when you walk into a room where someone is

dying with a cancer or something,

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usually there's this smell. You can tell when you walk in the room.

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And I smelled a smell like that multiplied five times, at least.

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Evil, verbodig.

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I have powers you don't. I can make it rain.

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And at that point, he raised his hand and he rubbed his fingers together.

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And all of a sudden, it started to rain. It was like the devil's rain was missed.

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I was in the presence of evil.

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I'm going to pray for you.

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00:19:23,040 --> 00:19:25,040

I don't want you to pray for me.

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I don't care whether you want me to or not. Prayer is my prerogative.

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And I opened up the Bible and started reading to him. But the pages never got wet.

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00:19:35,040 --> 00:19:37,040

So help me. It was a frightening thing.

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00:19:37,040 --> 00:19:44,040

Your wickedness was found in you. Through your widespread trade, you were filled with violence.

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I think it was praying more for me than it was for him.

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00:19:47,040 --> 00:19:51,040

I prayed and it was only a brief period and the rain stopped.

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I bind you in the name of Jesus Christ.

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He subsided and you could feel a peace.

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00:19:59,040 --> 00:20:01,040

He said, thank you.

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He got tears in his eyes and we hugged and we prayed together.

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00:20:05,040 --> 00:20:08,040

He was possessed. There's no doubt in my mind.

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There is no way that a human being could do what he did in that room.

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00:20:12,040 --> 00:20:18,040

There's no way that he did anything but what he did was spiritual.

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And it wasn't of God. Guaranteed it was not of God.

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Well, it's over and it hasn't happened again.

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So basically I'm just hoping that it never will.

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And I just go day by day.

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00:20:32,040 --> 00:20:40,040

And as for my grandfather, I think what had happened was his doing.

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00:20:40,040 --> 00:20:46,040

Because he abused me when I was young. He got a chance to abuse me again.

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I think what makes this case very unique is that all of the witnesses are so credible.

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We're dealing with very good well-seasoned police officers that were obviously rather frightened and shaken by this.

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But also had the powers of observation.

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Chip Decker, no relation to Don and Peter Jordan are the principal paranormal researchers on this case.

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They believe that somewhere there is information as yet undiscovered which may help them unravel this mystery.

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The Donal Decker case, the Rain Boy case, is by far the singularly most fascinating and important case I have ever personally been involved in.

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That does not mean that I believe that it necessarily is proof positive to me of demonic infestation.

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But is the case in my own personal experience up to this point that comes the closest to that hypothesis.

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What happened to Don Decker?

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You know, nine eyewitnesses, ten counting Don himself, are willing to go on public record claiming

they saw, heard and felt phenomena apparently not of this world.

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Is it possible that Don Decker, somehow mesmerized by the pain of a childhood trauma, stumbled into another world which none of us can fathom?

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Or was Don Decker perhaps trapped in some murky region of his own psyche, his power to do good and his power to do evil, locked in combat with Don's own body as a battlefield?

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After all, is John Milton Road in Paradise Lost?

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The mind is its own place and in itself can make a heaven of hell, a hell of heaven.

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Next, a champion motorcycle racer is gunned down in an apparent robbery turned lethal.

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The shimmering lights of San Francisco Bay can be seen from more than a dozen surrounding

communities.

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On the evening of February 24, 1992, one of those communities became the scene of a tragic, unsolved murder.

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At 8.33 p.m., a man slowly approached a gas station in Emeryville across the bay from San Francisco.

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He was hunched over his motorcycle, weaving in a neurotic and perilous fashion.

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Police and paramedics were dispatched to the scene and attempted to revive a stricken rider.

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His pulse was feeble and he was barely alive.

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The absence of any external injuries left the authorities mystified.

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There was no bleeding at all at the site.

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If it had been a reported motorcycle accident or some kind of an accident, you would expect to see some kind of blood.

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But there was absolutely none.

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The unknown motorcyclist was rushed to a nearby hospital.

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It was later discovered that he had been shot three times by a small caliber weapon.

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One of the bullets had shattered his knee.

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A second had lodged in his abdomen.

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The third and fatal bullet had punctured his aorta.

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The wounds were nearly invisible but had resulted in massive internal bleeding.

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The victim never regained consciousness and was pronounced dead shortly after 9 p.m.

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The victim was later identified as 30-year-old Michael Hunter,

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an avid motorcycle racer who had survived hundreds of dangerous competitions,

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only to perish on a lonely bayfront road.

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What happened to Michael Hunter is unfortunately an all too common occurrence in today's big cities.

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An innocent person is murdered.

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The killer walks away.

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The police are left without a suspect or a motive.

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Even in the highly competitive field of motorcycle racing, Michael Hunter was known as a man with no enemies.

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He lived for one thing and one thing only, high-speed racing.

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During the mid-1980s, Michael Hunter suited up for competitions throughout California,

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earning a reputation as one of the area's top cyclists.

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He said that racing gave him probably the highest high that he'd ever had in his whole life.

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He said that there was nothing that beat this excitement and the thrill of the racing.

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And I think the competition was maybe almost incidental to the thrill of the racing.

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He was always sharing, always teaching.

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Mike took me in hand from the beginning and taught me how to ride, taught me how to ride safely.

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He taught me how to ride clean.

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The evening of February 24th began like many others for Michael Hunter.

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At 7.45 p.m., he climbed aboard his red, white and blue sport bike, apparently just to go for a ride.

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February 24th was a beautiful evening.

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It was almost like a summer night.

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Crystal clear, no breeze.

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It was just, it was very pleasant to be out in.

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A few minutes after Michael left home, he stopped off at an ATM half a mile away.

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As he withdrew \$20 mischecking account, a security camera in the ATM recorded the transaction.

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From the photographs that we have, it would appear to be an uneventful withdrawal.

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So we don't have any reason to think that he was robbed or shot at the ATM machine.

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00:27:10,040 --> 00:27:14,040

Michael next showed up at a liquor store half a block from the ATM.

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00:27:15,040 --> 00:27:19,040

There he purchased the Pied-a-Whiskey, which was later found in his jacket pocket.

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00:27:24,040 --> 00:27:27,040

What happened next is pure conjecture.

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The police believe that Michael may have headed to a frontage road three miles from the gas station,

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known for his breathtaking view of the Bay Bridge.

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It was here while enjoying the fresh winter breeze that Michael Hunter may have encountered his killer, or killers.

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The police theorize that someone may have robbed Michael of his wallet at gunpoint,

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00:27:50,040 --> 00:27:56,040

and then demanded his motorcycle, a customized Honda VFR Interceptor Sportbike.

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Probably Mike's love of his motorcycle would cause him to be reluctant to turn it over.

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Michael apparently tried to outrun the bullets.

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It was a race he had no chance of winning.

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I think that he was probably pretty scared, and I like to think,

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I really like to believe that he didn't know what was going on.

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It would have taken him a long time to get to that station.

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That's not a short stint to ride when you're hurt.

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Michael had very few bullets,

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Michael had very few minutes to live after he was shot.

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The bullet that shattered his leg would have caused him to be in a great deal of pain.

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And it was his past experience and training that enabled Michael to make the ride into the gas station,

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00:28:59,040 --> 00:29:03,040

where he knew there would be some kind of help there.

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An hour later, Michael Hunter was dead, leaving his family to wonder who killed him and why.

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00:29:14,040 --> 00:29:19,040

I think all the time he raced, I knew that something could happen to him,

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because he was living beyond what most people do as far as what he chose to do for his recreation.

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Had he died that way, it was a choice he would have made,

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00:29:30,040 --> 00:29:32,040

and a conscious choice he'd made.

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And I think that it would have been a lot easier to accept.

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There's just no information coming our way.

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About a person that was on a red, white and blue motorcycle,

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00:29:47,040 --> 00:29:52,040

dressed the same kind of way, obviously very noticeable.

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I believe that somebody saw Michael Hunter in the last 40 minutes of his life.

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And we need those people to come forward to tell us that little piece of information

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00:30:04,040 --> 00:30:08,040

that will identify the killers of Michael Hunter.

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Michael Hunter's friends and family have raised a \$10,000 reward for information which may help solve this case.

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When We Return

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A nationwide search for the true identity of a hospital-hopping con man.

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The Man

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Just before 9 a.m. on February 11, 1992,

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the emergency team in a Danbury, Connecticut hospital springs into action.

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The patient, a man registered as Tom Hughes, is in the grip of a severe cardiac arrest.

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For 90 minutes, doctors and nurses labor to revive him.

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However, all the efforts are in vain.

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At 10.20, the man known as Tom Hughes is pronounced dead.

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When the hospital dutifully attempted to contact the man's wife,

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they discovered that her name and phone number were bogus.

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So were the patient's social security number, address, occupation and employer.

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Tom Hughes simply did not exist.

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Among the man's possessions were a receipt from a hospital in California

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and a bus ticket stub from Pennsylvania to Connecticut.

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Starting with these meager clues, the authorities soon uncovered a peculiar fraud scheme.

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Until he died, a man known as Tom Hughes had essentially been a professional hospital patient.

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It was a scam that may have killed him.

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Dr. Blair, Dr. Blair, Dr. J.

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00:31:58,040 --> 00:32:00,040

Did you say this happened while you were working?

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Yes, I was helping my brother do some work on the house he's buying over in Ridgefield.

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The con man would stay in a hospital for three to seven days

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before sneaking out and leaving his bills unpaid.

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Wait, and the next thing I know...

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It appears that Tom would check into a hospital with some sort of small self-inflicted wound

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00:32:20,040 --> 00:32:23,040

and have a complaint of a lower back pain.

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00:32:23,040 --> 00:32:27,040

We think that he was checking himself into the hospitals to obtain the pain pills.

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Okay, well I'm going to prescribe something a bit stronger

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and I'd like to suggest that you check yourself in for observation for a few days.

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Any objection?

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Well, whatever you say, you're the doctor.

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Okay.

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We were able to determine that Tom had essentially been traveling across the country

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and staying in one hospital after another

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and taking a bus from one destination to another.

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We were able to track him from California all the way to Rhode Island

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and points in between.

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Yes, my name is Thomas Hughes.

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00:32:58,040 --> 00:33:01,040

I need to speak with someone about a personal injury case.

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00:33:01,040 --> 00:33:05,040

The con man had made 16 calls before he died.

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00:33:05,040 --> 00:33:07,040

I'm a civil engineer.

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Yeah, a firm and wedged...

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Investigators traced them hoping to locate frowns or family members.

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Instead they uncovered yet another facet of his unusual scheme.

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Every single calling had been made to an attorney.

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We think he called the attorneys with a story that he wanted to have a lawsuit

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00:33:26,040 --> 00:33:29,040

because of his injuries at work.

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00:33:29,040 --> 00:33:34,040

But I think the real reason he called the attorneys was to, again, tell a story to someone

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00:33:34,040 --> 00:33:36,040

and borrow some money.

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00:33:36,040 --> 00:33:40,040

He needed travel money and he would obtain this by borrowing small amounts from the attorneys.

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00:33:40,040 --> 00:33:43,040

Oh, listen, I hate to ask you this.

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00:33:43,040 --> 00:33:45,040

Would you do me a favor?

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00:33:45,040 --> 00:33:46,040

Sure.

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00:33:46,040 --> 00:33:50,040

Well, I'm expecting a package from my wife today.

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00:33:50,040 --> 00:33:52,040

It's come on COD.

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00:33:52,040 --> 00:33:55,040

Could I borrow \$40 until tomorrow?

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00:33:55,040 --> 00:33:57,040

Yeah, I guess I could do that.

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00:33:57,040 --> 00:33:59,040

I'll just add it to my bill.

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00:33:59,040 --> 00:34:00,040

Okay.

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00:34:00,040 --> 00:34:01,040

\$40?

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00:34:01,040 --> 00:34:05,040

We know that Tom had been traveling from hospital to hospital for a year, two years,

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00:34:05,040 --> 00:34:10,040

or possibly longer, and each time taking excessive amounts of painkillers.

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And we believe that could be a contributing cause of his death.

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This photograph of the unidentified man was taken just hours before his death.

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He weighed 277 pounds, although authorities cautioned that he may have put on much of the weight

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since he began living in hospital beds.

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Next, a woman needs your help to find a childhood friend.

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00:34:56,040 --> 00:35:08,040

It turned out to be much more than just a friend.

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Most of us have read Alice in Wonderland and pondered what it might feel like to fall through the looking glass

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00:35:13,040 --> 00:35:17,040

into a place where nothing was quite as it seemed.

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For a Los Angeles woman named Irene Love, looking glass was an old strongbox

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00:35:21,040 --> 00:35:24,040

harboring her mother Minnie's private papers.

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00:35:24,040 --> 00:35:36,040

Once Irene opened it, her parents and her best friend turned out not to be at all what they seemed.

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1962, Mid-City Los Angeles.

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00:35:42,040 --> 00:35:48,040

16-year-old Irene Love was killing a Saturday afternoon in her mother's bedroom.

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I used to play music a lot, my records.

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I would sometimes even go through my mother's drawers and just being nosy.

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I've always been nosy.

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I looked around and there was a metal box.

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I opened it up and there were some papers that were dating in 1942.

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And I thought, God, mom keeps this.

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Then there was another piece of paper folded up and it was a birth certificate.

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And it had Irene win on it.

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And I go, hmm, same first name as mine.

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Then I noticed the father's name was Glenn, mother's name was Ramona, County General Hospital, the date.

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I said, well, the date that was what caught me, the date was the same date as my birth.

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And by that time, a little bit later on, my mother came home.

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Hi honey, I'm home. What are you doing in here?

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Look what I found.

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What's that?

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And I showed her the paper.

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Where'd you find this?

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Over there.

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What are you doing snooping through my things? You know those are private papers.

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Are you my real mother?

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Irene, I love you so much.

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And it came to life that I was adopted and she and my dad had adopted me three days after I was

born.

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And she was fearful that I was going to, at that point, leave and go and search for my real parents.

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And I told her no, I just wanted to know what was the story about it.

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Many in Forest love had brought Irene home on June 3, 1946.

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Oh, we're home Irene.

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We're really home.

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Honey, why is she crying?

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She's fine honey.

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They could not have children of their own, so many in Forest were especially thrilled with their new daughter.

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Look at that baby.

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They provided her with everything, even a best friend.

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Dolores Ford, just one year older than Irene, was the only child of many in Forest's best friends.

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They would bring her over every day or every weekend.

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We went on camping trips.

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We went to the park.

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We went everywhere to the lakes.

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We never really argued.

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It was like we knew each other, we connected.

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If one wanted something, the other one knew about it and it was always there.

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We were just connected so close that there was like a great friendship there.

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Every holiday they would come over and bring the gifts and we exchanged gifts there in the living room.

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It was basically, we got the same toys, so they didn't deny us anything.

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They made sure that we were happy kids.

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Merry Christmas baby.

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I don't think a child in this world has had a better childhood than I have because I had my mom, my dad,

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I had Billy and Ford that were just like my mother and father.

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I had Dolores.

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We just had a fun time.

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They occupied every minute of our lives when we were children together and that was fun times.

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Is there anything else you should tell me?

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Well honey, you remember...

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That day in 1962, Minnie asked Irene to think back to her happy childhood.

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She asked her to recall a restaurant, Clifton's, where Minnie and Forrest had taken Irene every Sunday.

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Now Minnie explained why they had always gone to the same place.

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Where she started, through the Baptist.

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Irene's birth mother Ramona, who was Hispanic, worked at the cafeteria.

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This was her only opportunity to watch Irene grow up.

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Don't look at me.

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Dad.

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At some point, Irene's birth father Glenn began to work at Clifton's too.

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Minnie and Forrest would alternate their seating locations in the restaurant,

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so both Glenn and Ramona could see the daughter and they had been too poverty-stricken to raise themselves.

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What's the name of this plate?

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It's called the Butterfly.

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And she's Madame Butterfly.

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I never faulted them for what they did.

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They had to do what they had to do and I'm thankful that they gave me to the family that they did give me to.

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So that's, you know, I was lucky in that way.

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Irene and Dolores and their parents lived happily until 1956.

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Then Dolores's mother Billy died of a kidney disease.

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Suddenly Dolores seemed to vanish into thin air.

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Irene never saw her again.

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Only years later, when Irene's mother finally told her the truth,

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did Irene learn what had happened to her friend.

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Okay, come on.

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Shortly after Dolores's mother died, her father came to the sad conclusion

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that he could no longer raise her alone, that she needed a mother.

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Dolores, this is Ramona.

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Hi, Dolores.

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He took Dolores to live with Glen and Ramona, the couple who worked at Clifton's cafeteria.

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I'll take that.

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But why?

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Finally the shocking news came out.

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Dolores was also the child of Glen and Ramona when Dolores and Irene were sisters.

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Irene was thunderstrike.

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Her mother explained apologetically that she had been afraid that Irene

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would continue seeing Dolores after Dolores moved in with Ramona and Glen.

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I was afraid if I told you the truth, that I would lose you.

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No matter what, you'll always be my mother.

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In 1989, after both of her parents passed away,

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Irene found herself irresistibly drawn back to the old neighborhood,

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reliving her happy childhood with Dolores.

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In my mind, I can see us playing together.

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Hey, Choteak, get on this.

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Here we go now.

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Budge, budge, tell that judge, mama's got a newborn baby.

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We were like twins, you know, but not knowing that we were sisters, you know.

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And so that's what I want real bad to meet with her.

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She's a part of my early life. She's a part of me.

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I feel things that I don't think anybody else could feel right now

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because it's like an emptiness that's going on inside of me due to the fact I don't know where she's at.

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And I hope one day soon that we can come together and be the silly little girls that we were when we were growing up.

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Because I'm still a silly little girl in heart, and I want to be with her as soon as possible.

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Irene also has a message for her birth parents, Glenn and Ramona Nguyen,

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who watch so lovingly from a distance while she grew up.

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Ramona and Glenn, I want to get to know you also and bring you back into my life.

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I don't have any anger. I believe you did what you had to do.

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And I love you. Just if you're out there listening, please call me.

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I want to hear from you also.

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Today Glenn and Ramona Nguyen will be 72 and 67 years old respectively.

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They divorced in the 50s, and Ramona, whose maiden name was Via, married a man named Richards or Richardson,

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with whom she also had children.

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These are two of the last known photographs of Dolores Ford.

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In 1956, when she was 10, Dolores moved to 2nd Street in downtown Los Angeles to live with Glenn and Ramona Nguyen.

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This July, Dolores will be 48 years old.

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Her last known address was also in the Los Angeles area.

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Join me again next week. Perhaps you may be able to help solve a mystery.