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This program is about unsolved mysteries.

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Whenever possible, the actual family members and police

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officials have participated in recreating the events.

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

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Tonight, the season premiere of Unsolved Mysteries.

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But under hypnosis, Bruce Kelly was overwhelmed by vivid images

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about the events of the first season.

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The vivid images of an American sailor's death during World

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War II.

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Later, he was amazed to learn that his vision of the sinking

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00:00:36,360 --> 00:00:40,080

of a submarine actually took place 50 years earlier.

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How could Bruce Kelly relive an accurate detail, events

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that took place before he was even born?

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After a killer tornado rips through Woodward, Oklahoma,

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the town's residents flee to a local hospital.

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The scene is chaos, and one of the survivors,

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a young girl named Joan Gay Croft,

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00:00:57,920 --> 00:01:00,320

is carried off by two strangers.

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More than 40 years later, she is still missing.

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00:01:04,400 --> 00:01:08,880

Pedro Santiago Jr. was his family's pride and joy, popular,

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00:01:08,880 --> 00:01:11,440

athletic, a good student.

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00:01:11,440 --> 00:01:15,200

Then on December 12, 1990, Pedro was struck by a car

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00:01:15,200 --> 00:01:16,720

in front of his house.

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00:01:16,720 --> 00:01:21,720

The driver callously fled the scene, leaving Pedro to die.

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00:01:21,720 --> 00:01:24,400

Join me for our dramatic season premiere.

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00:01:24,400 --> 00:01:27,880

Perhaps you will be able to help solve a mystery.

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What are you afraid of?

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The dark, flying, heights?

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00:02:26,800 --> 00:02:30,160

Many of us harbor at least one secret irrational fear,

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00:02:30,160 --> 00:02:31,880

a phobia.

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00:02:31,880 --> 00:02:33,880

Sometimes when the phobia is serious enough

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00:02:33,880 --> 00:02:36,880

to disrupt normal functioning, we will do almost anything

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00:02:36,880 --> 00:02:39,480

to regain control of our lives.

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00:02:39,480 --> 00:02:41,880

For a man named Bruce Kelly, the attempt

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00:02:41,880 --> 00:02:44,080

to cure his phobias took him to places

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00:02:44,080 --> 00:02:45,320

he could never have imagined.

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00:02:52,640 --> 00:02:55,160

Bruce Kelly grew up in Glendora, California,

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00:02:55,160 --> 00:02:59,720

a small town just outside Los Angeles.

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Bruce was a natural athlete who went to college

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00:03:02,200 --> 00:03:03,920

on a full baseball scholarship.

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Bruce eventually became a sales manager

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00:03:09,880 --> 00:03:11,920

for a medical supply firm.

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00:03:11,920 --> 00:03:14,760

He married, divorced, and as a single parent

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00:03:14,760 --> 00:03:17,400

raised his only daughter, through it all,

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00:03:17,400 --> 00:03:20,120

Bruce had been plagued by overpowering phobias,

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00:03:20,160 --> 00:03:22,360

a fear of flying in enclosed spaces

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00:03:22,360 --> 00:03:24,840

which he believed hampered his career,

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00:03:24,840 --> 00:03:30,120

and a fear of water which was just plain bothersome.

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00:03:30,120 --> 00:03:32,080

Any time that I got around a swimming pool,

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00:03:32,080 --> 00:03:34,520

I would be afraid to even go close to the edge of the pool.

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00:03:34,520 --> 00:03:37,120

I would just walk way around it.

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00:03:37,120 --> 00:03:40,600

It even was, to the point, bad enough

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00:03:40,600 --> 00:03:43,000

where I couldn't sit in a bathtub.

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00:03:43,000 --> 00:03:47,400

I didn't like the feeling of water coming up around me.

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00:03:47,400 --> 00:03:50,160

I'm going to count from three down to one.

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00:03:50,160 --> 00:03:52,640

When I get to the number one, you're going to be deep.

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00:03:52,640 --> 00:03:54,200

Over the years, Bruce had sought help

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00:03:54,200 --> 00:03:56,680

from several different medical professionals.

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00:03:56,680 --> 00:03:58,360

Nothing worked.

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00:03:58,360 --> 00:04:01,240

Finally in desperation, he went to Rick Brown,

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00:04:01,240 --> 00:04:03,240

a hypnotherapist who specializes

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00:04:03,240 --> 00:04:06,040

in an unusual and controversial technique

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00:04:06,040 --> 00:04:09,240

known as past life regression.

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00:04:09,240 --> 00:04:12,000

On the number three, you're going there now.

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00:04:12,000 --> 00:04:14,840

On the next number two, you become a part of it.

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00:04:14,840 --> 00:04:16,320

On one, you're there.

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00:04:17,400 --> 00:04:26,400

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00:04:26,400 --> 00:04:28,960

When I was seeing what I was seeing,

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00:04:28,960 --> 00:04:31,440

and I said to him, this can't be real,

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00:04:31,440 --> 00:04:34,480

his direction at the time was just go with it.

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00:04:34,480 --> 00:04:36,760

Probably 99% of the people who come to me

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00:04:36,760 --> 00:04:39,040

do not go into past lives.

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00:04:39,040 --> 00:04:43,480

Probably only 1% of the people have spontaneous regressions

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00:04:43,480 --> 00:04:45,200

when working with phobias.

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00:04:45,200 --> 00:04:47,880

And Bruce did have a spontaneous regression

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00:04:47,880 --> 00:04:50,360

to a past life.

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00:04:50,360 --> 00:04:52,160

Where are you?

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00:04:52,160 --> 00:04:54,280

I'm in a submarine.

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00:04:54,280 --> 00:04:56,960

What's happening?

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00:04:56,960 --> 00:04:59,760

I'm drowning.

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00:04:59,760 --> 00:05:02,640

Bruce was writhing in the chair.

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00:05:02,640 --> 00:05:08,720

He was actually moving around and going through the death scene.

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00:05:08,720 --> 00:05:10,800

Tell me your name.

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00:05:10,800 --> 00:05:11,960

Johnston.

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00:05:11,960 --> 00:05:15,120

What is your full name?

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00:05:15,120 --> 00:05:17,720

James Edward Johnston.

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00:05:17,720 --> 00:05:19,280

James Edward Johnston.

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00:05:19,280 --> 00:05:22,800

The hypnosis session had taken an intriguing turn.

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00:05:22,800 --> 00:05:24,840

Bruce Kelly had apparently been thrust

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00:05:24,840 --> 00:05:27,880

into the life of an American satyr named James Edward

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00:05:27,880 --> 00:05:34,040

Johnston, recalling specific details that seemed astonishing.

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00:05:34,040 --> 00:05:36,680

Bruce said that Johnston had drowned in a submarine,

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00:05:36,680 --> 00:05:41,400

the USS Shark, during World War II.

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00:05:41,400 --> 00:05:44,600

Bruce also said the shark had gone down near Borneo,

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00:05:44,640 --> 00:05:47,560

just off an island called Salamis.

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00:05:47,560 --> 00:05:48,960

Are you alone in this hallway?

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00:05:51,520 --> 00:05:53,920

No, there's another man in the hallway.

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00:05:53,920 --> 00:05:56,320

Bruce even came up with the name of a man trapped

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00:05:56,320 --> 00:05:59,960

with Johnston in the submarine, Walter Pilgrim.

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00:05:59,960 --> 00:06:01,600

Everything goes blank.

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00:06:01,600 --> 00:06:04,240

And there's the sense that something's really wrong.

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00:06:04,240 --> 00:06:05,440

There's water coming.

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00:06:05,440 --> 00:06:08,480

Bruce told Rick Brown that Johnston and Pilgrim had both

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00:06:08,480 --> 00:06:14,920

died at precisely 11.34 PM on February 11, 1942.

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00:06:14,920 --> 00:06:16,960

Are there any survivors?

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00:06:16,960 --> 00:06:17,360

No.

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00:06:20,520 --> 00:06:23,000

The memories were just like it was something

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00:06:23,000 --> 00:06:24,200

that happened yesterday.

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00:06:24,200 --> 00:06:27,160

They were very close to the surface.

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00:06:27,160 --> 00:06:29,600

They came up real easily.

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00:06:29,600 --> 00:06:32,680

At first, it was like I was just making it up.

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00:06:32,680 --> 00:06:34,520

Like this really can't be happening.

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00:06:34,520 --> 00:06:35,440

This really can't be real.

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00:06:35,440 --> 00:06:37,960

I have to be making this up.

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00:06:38,000 --> 00:06:42,440

And I went to the library more to prove

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00:06:42,440 --> 00:06:44,800

that it didn't happen than it did happen.

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00:06:47,600 --> 00:06:50,520

The next day, armed with the names of two sailors,

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00:06:50,520 --> 00:06:54,240

a submarine, and a date, Bruce began a crash course

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00:06:54,240 --> 00:06:55,800

in World War II history.

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00:07:01,920 --> 00:07:03,520

Bruce learned that during the war,

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00:07:03,520 --> 00:07:07,760

52 American submarines carrying nearly 3,500 sailors

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00:07:07,760 --> 00:07:10,000

were lost at sea.

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00:07:10,000 --> 00:07:13,240

21 went down in battle, 10 in accidents,

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00:07:13,240 --> 00:07:16,840

and 21 more simply seemed to disappear.

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00:07:16,840 --> 00:07:19,080

No one knew exactly what had happened to them.

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00:07:24,760 --> 00:07:28,160

Incredibly, Bruce found that the very first American sub

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00:07:28,160 --> 00:07:32,480

lost in the war was a USS shark, a submarine Bruce had

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00:07:32,480 --> 00:07:36,280

named under hypnosis.

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00:07:36,320 --> 00:07:39,280

Bruce was also astounded that the shark had disappeared

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00:07:39,280 --> 00:07:41,680

near an island called Celebus.

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00:07:41,680 --> 00:07:44,680

Once again, Bruce's memories proved accurate.

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00:07:47,800 --> 00:07:50,440

They also had a crew roster there.

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00:07:50,440 --> 00:07:53,760

And on the crew roster was James E. Johnston,

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00:07:53,760 --> 00:07:57,520

which was the name that I had come up with under hypnosis.

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00:07:57,520 --> 00:08:00,280

And it also gave the approximate date

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00:08:00,280 --> 00:08:03,640

of loss, which was February 11, 1942,

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00:08:03,640 --> 00:08:08,760

which was also the date that I had come up with under hypnosis.

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00:08:08,760 --> 00:08:11,440

Bruce was further amazed when on the crew list

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00:08:11,440 --> 00:08:13,960

he found the second name he had remembered,

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00:08:13,960 --> 00:08:18,840

Walter Pilgrim, chief electrician's mate.

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00:08:18,840 --> 00:08:21,000

Hairies were standing up on the back of my neck

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00:08:21,000 --> 00:08:21,720

when I saw it.

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00:08:21,720 --> 00:08:26,120

It was like, oh, God, this is real.

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00:08:26,120 --> 00:08:29,680

I was in total disbelief and total shock.

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00:08:29,680 --> 00:08:34,360

And there was also an element of excitement

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00:08:34,360 --> 00:08:37,640

that maybe there is something to this.

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00:08:40,400 --> 00:08:42,240

Is your mother married?

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00:08:42,240 --> 00:08:45,120

No.

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00:08:45,120 --> 00:08:46,880

Is your mother living?

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00:08:46,880 --> 00:08:47,680

No.

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00:08:47,680 --> 00:08:49,600

Over the next six months, Bruce Kelly

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00:08:49,600 --> 00:08:52,360

saw Rick Brown on average once a week.

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00:08:52,360 --> 00:08:54,920

With each session, more details emerged.

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00:08:54,920 --> 00:08:58,000

Details that appeared to come from the life of James Edward

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00:08:58,040 --> 00:08:59,760

Johnston.

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00:08:59,760 --> 00:09:02,120

I'm going to go now to your mother's death.

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00:09:02,120 --> 00:09:03,440

Is that acceptable?

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00:09:03,440 --> 00:09:04,120

Yes.

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00:09:04,120 --> 00:09:07,560

In time, Rick Brown began to talk to Bruce Kelly,

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00:09:07,560 --> 00:09:11,120

as if Bruce, in fact, were James Edward Johnston.

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00:09:11,120 --> 00:09:11,960

You're there now.

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00:09:11,960 --> 00:09:15,720

Are you at home or in the hospital?

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00:09:15,720 --> 00:09:17,160

It's in the home.

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00:09:17,160 --> 00:09:20,680

Are there many people there?

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00:09:20,680 --> 00:09:21,600

Yes.

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00:09:21,600 --> 00:09:24,680

Bruce saw himself as Johnston around age 12,

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00:09:24,720 --> 00:09:29,480

keeping watch at the moment of his mother's death.

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00:09:29,480 --> 00:09:31,920

A young cousin named Elizabeth stood with him.

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00:09:40,400 --> 00:09:45,560

Other memories were far less dramatic, even mundane.

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00:09:45,560 --> 00:09:48,400

Bruce vividly recalled that as Johnston,

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00:09:48,400 --> 00:09:51,080

he always made it a point to eat the end pieces

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00:09:51,080 --> 00:09:52,440

from every loaf of bread.

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00:09:54,920 --> 00:09:56,600

In another session, Bruce remembered

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00:09:56,600 --> 00:10:00,560

that Johnston was born in February of 1921.

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00:10:00,560 --> 00:10:02,680

As a young man during the Great Depression,

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00:10:02,680 --> 00:10:05,040

he was enrolled in a government work program called

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00:10:05,040 --> 00:10:08,920

the CCC, Civilian Conservation Corps.

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00:10:08,920 --> 00:10:12,840

The year was 1938, the place California.

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00:10:12,840 --> 00:10:16,120

Bruce remembered a young girl there named Molly Lasseter,

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00:10:16,120 --> 00:10:19,560

James Johnston's first love.

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00:10:19,560 --> 00:10:22,880

I'd like to move forward to a time when you're with Molly.

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00:10:22,880 --> 00:10:24,160

Is that acceptable?

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00:10:24,160 --> 00:10:25,080

Yes.

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00:10:25,080 --> 00:10:28,440

Moving very quickly now, three, to a time when you're

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00:10:28,440 --> 00:10:32,200

with Molly, two, you're there now, one.

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00:10:32,200 --> 00:10:33,640

Where are you?

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00:10:33,640 --> 00:10:35,800

We're on the bridge.

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00:10:35,800 --> 00:10:38,000

What are you doing on the bridge?

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00:10:38,000 --> 00:10:39,200

We're talking.

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00:10:39,200 --> 00:10:41,720

What are you talking about?

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00:10:41,720 --> 00:10:44,040

I'm asking her to run away with me.

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00:10:44,040 --> 00:10:46,280

Is she afraid?

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00:10:46,280 --> 00:10:47,440

Yes.

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00:10:47,440 --> 00:10:49,000

What is she afraid of?

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00:10:49,000 --> 00:10:50,320

Her father.

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00:10:50,320 --> 00:10:52,120

And what is she afraid of her father about?

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00:10:52,160 --> 00:10:54,280

Why is she afraid of him?

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00:10:54,280 --> 00:10:56,480

Probably afraid for me.

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00:10:56,480 --> 00:10:59,320

And what is she afraid that'll happen to you?

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00:10:59,320 --> 00:11:02,480

That he might harm me or even kill me.

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00:11:11,800 --> 00:11:14,120

Do you ever see Molly again?

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00:11:14,120 --> 00:11:15,020

No.

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00:11:15,220 --> 00:11:15,720

No.

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00:11:21,320 --> 00:11:23,540

Bruce Kelly and Rick Brown began to research

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00:11:23,540 --> 00:11:26,220

Johnston's life, and Bruce's memories checked out

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00:11:26,220 --> 00:11:29,380

with remarkable accuracy.

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00:11:29,380 --> 00:11:34,340

Johnston had been in the CCC in 1938 and 1939,

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00:11:34,340 --> 00:11:38,860

stationed at Tule Lake near the California-Oregon border.

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00:11:38,860 --> 00:11:42,420

In 1940, he enlisted in the Navy and served on board

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00:11:42,420 --> 00:11:45,820

the USS Shark.

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00:11:45,820 --> 00:11:49,900

CCC and Naval records listed James Edward Johnston's hometown

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00:11:49,900 --> 00:11:52,100

of Jacksonville, Alabama.

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00:11:52,100 --> 00:11:54,060

The date on Johnston's birth certificate

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00:11:54,060 --> 00:11:56,500

confirmed another crucial fact.

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00:11:56,500 --> 00:11:59,860

The month and year Bruce Kelly had remembered under hypnosis

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00:11:59,860 --> 00:12:04,820

were correct, February 1921.

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00:12:04,820 --> 00:12:08,180

Bruce came up with a significant amount of information

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00:12:08,180 --> 00:12:11,460

that was well past being coincidental.

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00:12:11,460 --> 00:12:14,140

There were too many lines of evidence

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00:12:14,140 --> 00:12:18,020

that pointed to the fact that Bruce Kelly is the reincarnation

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00:12:18,020 --> 00:12:21,340

of James Edward Johnston.

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00:12:21,340 --> 00:12:23,940

I could be the reincarnation of James,

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00:12:23,940 --> 00:12:27,260

or it just may be some information that somehow

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00:12:27,260 --> 00:12:29,620

or another that I've tapped into,

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00:12:29,620 --> 00:12:33,340

and it means it's something else that's happening.

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00:12:33,340 --> 00:12:35,860

I don't know.

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00:12:35,860 --> 00:12:37,900

Although Bruce's phobias were cured,

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00:12:37,900 --> 00:12:41,700

his life had taken on a new and unexpected dimension.

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00:12:41,700 --> 00:12:43,820

There seemed to be a mysterious synchronicity

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00:12:43,820 --> 00:12:47,540

between Bruce Kelly and James Edward Johnston.

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00:12:47,540 --> 00:12:49,500

Bruce's hypnotherapist, Rick Brown,

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00:12:49,500 --> 00:12:52,660

made two trips to Johnson's hometown verifying facts

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00:12:52,660 --> 00:12:56,420

before he finally persuaded Bruce to go there with him.

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00:12:56,420 --> 00:12:59,220

Bruce's first visit was filmed as it happened,

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00:12:59,220 --> 00:13:02,020

but you're about to see he is not a recreation.

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00:13:02,620 --> 00:13:06,820

On April 17, 1993, Rick Brown and Bruce Kelly arrived

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00:13:06,820 --> 00:13:10,100

in the town where James Edward Johnston was born and raised,

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00:13:10,100 --> 00:13:11,500

Jacksonville, Alabama.

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00:13:15,340 --> 00:13:18,100

At the house where Johnston and his mother had lived,

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00:13:18,100 --> 00:13:21,340

Bruce Kelly experienced a sudden, strong reaction.

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00:13:21,340 --> 00:13:25,140

Again, these events were filmed as they happened.

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00:13:25,140 --> 00:13:26,860

The house was filled with people

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00:13:26,860 --> 00:13:30,420

who were in the house, and they were taken to the hospital.

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00:13:31,180 --> 00:13:32,620

There's a lot of stuff.

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00:13:32,620 --> 00:13:34,380

Your back bedroom's right over here.

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00:13:34,380 --> 00:13:35,380

You feel that?

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00:13:35,380 --> 00:13:36,580

Yeah, that's the bedroom.

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00:13:36,580 --> 00:13:37,580

OK.

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00:13:37,580 --> 00:13:38,580

That's the limited statement.

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00:13:45,020 --> 00:13:47,020

There have been a lot of places, but this is...

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00:13:49,420 --> 00:13:50,420

Yeah.

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00:13:50,420 --> 00:13:51,820

This is doing it, isn't it?

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00:13:51,820 --> 00:13:52,820

Yeah, sure is.

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00:13:52,820 --> 00:13:53,820

Yeah.

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00:13:55,820 --> 00:13:57,820

So I remember you used to come in the back of the house

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00:13:57,820 --> 00:13:59,420

and you'd be like,

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00:13:59,420 --> 00:14:01,420

I remember you used to come in the back.

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00:14:01,420 --> 00:14:05,420

There was an alley back here or a dirt road or something.

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00:14:05,420 --> 00:14:06,420

Yeah?

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00:14:06,420 --> 00:14:08,420

It was almost like he wasn't good enough

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00:14:08,420 --> 00:14:09,420

to come in the front door.

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00:14:15,420 --> 00:14:18,420

Moving to the side of the house when I could actually see

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00:14:18,420 --> 00:14:20,420

the bedroom and I knew that was the bedroom,

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00:14:20,420 --> 00:14:23,420

that's when the feelings really started hitting.

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00:14:23,420 --> 00:14:25,420

Remembering that he used to have to come in on the back street

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00:14:25,420 --> 00:14:28,420

and come through the back door, the back porch.

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00:14:28,420 --> 00:14:29,420

I remember that.

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00:14:29,420 --> 00:14:32,420

I remember the feelings of kind of feeling

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like a second-class citizen.

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They were poor.

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She was unmarried.

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I couldn't vocalize it myself

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and somebody off-camera said something to the effect of,

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you're... you've come home.

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And that's when I got real emotional

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because that's exactly what it was.

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Hi.

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Say you made it back down this part of the country.

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Afterwards, Bruce Kelly went to meet several people

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who remembered James Edward Johnston as a boy.

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One of them probably knew Johnston better than anyone else,

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his cousin Betty.

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And we've heard all that too, haven't we?

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Betty's real name is Elizabeth.

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And Bruce believes she is the same Elizabeth

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he saw under hypnosis.

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The little girl who was with James Edward Johnston

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when his mother died.

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Betty remembers her aunt's death,

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but not the specifics of the scene.

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However, when she met Bruce,

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other memories of her cousin whom she called Edward flooded back.

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Betty began to press Bruce for details.

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I remember anything about bread.

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Yeah, one of the first sessions that Rick and I had,

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I talked to him about always liking to heal the bread.

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I wanted to get the end off the bread

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because the only thing,

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the only reason that many things to me was growing up,

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I was the same way.

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My mom would bring home a loaf of bread

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and the first thing I'd do was open that thing up

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00:16:01,420 --> 00:16:03,420

and grab the heel out of there.

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Did you open both ends?

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Sometimes.

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And I'd get in trouble for it sometimes too.

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Oh, really?

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Yes, I did.

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Did you went to that house?

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00:16:15,420 --> 00:16:17,420

Yeah.

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The second on the left.

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It was real difficult, real emotional.

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Do you feel that you are Edward reincarnated?

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I don't...

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I don't know. I don't know.

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00:16:33,420 --> 00:16:36,420

You know, I've been asked that question so many times

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and all I know is for some reason or another,

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I have all this information about him.

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I don't know where it comes from.

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For me to stand here...

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I really don't know what to believe.

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I have doubts, but there are just certain things.

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Bruce said that Edward used the back door

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00:17:00,420 --> 00:17:08,420

and this is true and not everyone would have that knowledge.

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The older you get, the more you are going to look

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at something like reincarnation or anything

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that offers an answer.

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And reincarnation, regardless of what this religion

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or that religion or anything else thinks of it,

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it offers a solution.

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At the Jacksonville Cemetery,

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a memorial stone has been erected

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in honor of James Edward Johnston.

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No one knows exactly how or when Johnston died,

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except perhaps, just perhaps, Bruce Kelly.

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I was in my bunk when the attack happened.

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And everybody was heading toward their stations.

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I'd gotten into the first hallway

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00:18:05,420 --> 00:18:07,420

when there was a depth charge.

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00:18:12,420 --> 00:18:14,420

The submarine was rolling and moving.

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James got to his feet and he'd gotten 5, 10 feet

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00:18:21,420 --> 00:18:24,420

more down the hallway when there was a second depth charge.

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It was obviously a direct hit.

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The next memory I have is the area that I'm in

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00:18:34,420 --> 00:18:37,420

filling up with water and filling up real fast.

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00:18:38,420 --> 00:18:41,420

Kildra! Kildra, is that you?

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There was another man in the hallway

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and he was experiencing the same thing.

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I was knocked off his feet a couple of times

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and now trapped in this hallway that was filling up with water.

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The last real image that I had was the other man in the corridor.

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You know, that I wasn't alone in this corridor.

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There's somebody else here and they're going through the same thing.

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We are dying.

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I'm probably not as afraid of death

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as most people in the United States are

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or Western civilization are.

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Death isn't something that I think about every day.

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And I just try to live every day and enjoy every day

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the best that I can and when death comes, it comes.

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I think that there is something beyond

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and I don't think it's a final situation.

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I don't think it's just the end of...there's more.

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Although we know it seems far-fetched,

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there may actually be one person

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who can verify Bruce Kelly's extraordinary experience.

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Her name, if she exists, is Molly Lasseter.

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She would have lived near the California-Oregon border in 1938

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and would today be around 70 years old.

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If Molly is out there, perhaps a mystery of Bruce Kelly

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and James Edward Johnston will at last be solved.

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Next, thanks to you, our viewers,

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a fugitive cult leader accused of rape

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has finally been tracked down.

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This is Julie Cooper of Kansas City, Missouri.

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With her is Tim Sattie, the man who rescued Julie

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from a childhood that she says

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was nothing short of a living nightmare.

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When Julie Cooper was just six,

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her parents joined a religious cult in Missouri

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called the DeCloud family.

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The leader of the sect was a charismatic ex-police officer

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named Nelson DeCloud.

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Nelson thought that he was God's son,

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not really that he was Jesus Christ,

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but that he was one of God's sons

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and that he couldn't do any wrong.

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Okay, now I want you to stay out here for a little while.

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Julie says that by the time she was 10,

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DeCloud was demanding to have sex with her.

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Julie is what God wants you to do.

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You understand me?

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Yes.

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According to Julie, she initially refused,

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but eventually the pressure became so great that she gave in.

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Do you know how old she is?

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Anna, he says, well, are you ready now?

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Of course, you know, after all that had happened,

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I just said, yes, you know.

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Julie claims that over the next 12 years,

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she was subjected to constant humiliation

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and emotional torture by DeCloud,

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forced to serve as his unwilling sex partner.

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Finally in September of 1992,

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Julie Cooper made her escape,

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aided by Tim Santee in electronics repairmen.

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They had met when Tim visited the compound

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to work on DeCloud's satellite dish.

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Last Thursday, I called my friend Tim.

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At Tim's urging, Julie went to the police.

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They immediately issued a warrant for DeCloud's arrest,

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but before he could be apprehended,

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DeCloud and his followers disappeared.

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I want Nelson to get caught because it's not fair to anyone else

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that's up there.

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My mom and dad, they need to know that he isn't the Messiah.

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He's a criminal.

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What he was doing was wrong.

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After a broadcast, several viewers from San Angelo, Texas,

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a small town 500 miles from DeCloud's old headquarters in Missouri,

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called to say they had seen DeCloud's wife in the area.

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The cult had apparently settled in this farmhouse.

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One state and local agents converged on the scene.

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DeCloud kicked out the screen of the upstairs window

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in an attempt to escape.

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The deputies approached him and he tried to wrestle

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00:23:23,420 --> 00:23:25,420

with a few of them briefly.

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There were so many law enforcement officers, though,

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that that didn't last very long.

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They put the handcuffs on him and escorted him out of the building.

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Nelson DeCloud was booked at the local county jail

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and later extradited to Liberty, Missouri

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to stand trial on four criminal accounts,

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including forcible rape and sodomy.

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Since the arrest of Nelson DeCloud,

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other former members of the group have come forward

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wanting to testify about things they witnessed

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when they were members of the group.

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Nelson DeCloud is currently out on bail

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thanks to \$25,000 raised by followers,

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a trial scheduled for November 16, 1993.

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If convicted on all charges,

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Nelson DeCloud could spend the rest of his life in prison.

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I feel confident now that I can have a normal life.

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After seeing him caught knowing that it can be done.

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For Julie Cooper, her long ordeal is almost,

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00:24:25,420 --> 00:24:27,420

but not quite over.

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00:24:27,420 --> 00:24:30,420

She still has to testify to DeCloud's upcoming trial.

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However, this courageous young woman

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00:24:32,420 --> 00:24:35,420

has already found a happy ending to her story.

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Last summer, Julie became engaged to Tim Sattie,

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00:24:38,420 --> 00:24:41,420

the man who helped her escape.

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Next, perhaps you can help find a hit-and-run driver

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whose victim is an 11-year-old boy.

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Chicago's skyline rises majestically

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00:25:12,420 --> 00:25:15,420

above the southwest tip of Lake Michigan.

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Yet the city's character is defined largely

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00:25:17,420 --> 00:25:23,420

by the diverse communities which fan out from the shoreline.

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The Logan Square section of Chicago

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is a close-knit middle-class neighborhood.

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Pedro Santiago Jr. was born here,

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a new Logan Square like the back of his hand.

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It was a place where he always felt safe.

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Pedro, a fifth grader, was popular with his peers,

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a good student and a talented athlete.

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At the time he was 11 years old,

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he had already earned a black belt in karate.

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00:25:51,420 --> 00:25:54,420

Hi, Mom. Just calling to let you know I'm going home.

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00:25:54,420 --> 00:25:56,420

No, good. How did school go today?

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00:25:56,420 --> 00:26:00,420

On December 12, 1990, Pedro came straight home from school

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00:26:00,420 --> 00:26:02,420

and called his mother at work to fill her in

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00:26:02,420 --> 00:26:04,420

on his plans for the afternoon.

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00:26:04,420 --> 00:26:06,420

When I'm done with my homework,

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00:26:06,420 --> 00:26:09,420

can I go over to Eric's and show him the ball blaster?

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00:26:10,420 --> 00:26:13,420

Pedro left his house just after 3 p.m.

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At that exact moment,

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two neighborhood teenagers were walking back

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00:26:17,420 --> 00:26:19,420

from the corner market.

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Well, I never seen anything like that happen,

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00:26:30,420 --> 00:26:32,420

so I couldn't believe that it happened.

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00:26:32,420 --> 00:26:34,420

I started walking towards the car.

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00:26:34,420 --> 00:26:36,420

I know that, you know, I seen that it was real.

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00:26:36,420 --> 00:26:38,420

I started running towards the car.

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00:26:40,420 --> 00:26:43,420

The driver, he got out of his car.

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00:26:43,420 --> 00:26:46,420

He started cursing. He started hitting his car.

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00:26:46,420 --> 00:26:49,420

I guess he was upset with himself for doing it.

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00:26:50,420 --> 00:26:52,420

Pedro was, uh, he was trying to talk.

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00:26:52,420 --> 00:26:54,420

You heard him.

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But my friend was telling him, you know, not to waste his energy.

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00:26:57,420 --> 00:27:00,420

Rick, I'm going to call an ambulance. Don't let him leave.

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00:27:00,420 --> 00:27:04,420

Seconds later, the man jumped into his black Oldsmobile

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00:27:04,420 --> 00:27:06,420

and took off.

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00:27:08,420 --> 00:27:13,420

When I was on the phone talking to the man from the fire station,

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00:27:13,420 --> 00:27:15,420

I seen him pass right by me.

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00:27:21,420 --> 00:27:25,420

12 minutes later, Pedro was on his way to the emergency room.

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The hospital chaplain called Pedro's mother immediately.

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When I answered the phone and I heard a voice at the other end,

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00:27:34,420 --> 00:27:38,420

I kind of got shocked.

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00:27:38,420 --> 00:27:40,420

I said, what happened?

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And then this other person talked to me and said,

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00:27:43,420 --> 00:27:46,420

it's an emergency. Your son, it's in the hospital.

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Pedro was unconscious and suffering from massive head injuries.

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Pedro, Edith, here it comes.

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His parents had only a few precious seconds to comfort him

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before he was taken into the operating room.

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When we got to the surgery room, they said, well, you could kiss him now.

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OK, you can touch him. Move forward. We don't have a lot of time.

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We can't look at him.

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00:28:17,420 --> 00:28:19,420

OK, that's all the time we've got.

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And then they took him in.

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They said, surgery would be about an hour and a half or two hours.

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Then we went in the waiting room.

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And we kept on waiting and waiting.

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00:28:40,420 --> 00:28:44,420

Pedro hung on for 10 agonizing days, but he never regained consciousness.

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00:28:44,420 --> 00:28:48,420

He was buried on the day after Christmas in 1990.

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With Pedro's death, the hit-and-run incident escalated to a case of manslaughter.

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Police had put out an all-points bulletin for the car's owner,

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a Cuban immigrant known on the streets as Cachimba.

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00:29:06,420 --> 00:29:09,420

When police efforts to find Cachimba failed,

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Pedro's father began to nose around on his own.

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00:29:14,420 --> 00:29:18,420

I went to Lara, Barnes, Lara places in Chicago.

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00:29:20,420 --> 00:29:23,420

And I asked everybody, did you know Cachimba?

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00:29:23,420 --> 00:29:27,420

He said, yeah, but he left Chicago. It's not in here anymore.

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And I keep asking everybody on the one day I went to this restaurant.

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I asked the man.

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He left town a long time ago.

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00:29:42,420 --> 00:29:44,420

When?

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Last time I saw him was around Christmas.

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He wanted me to lend him some money so he could move to New York.

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Did he say why he was moving?

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I think he was in some trouble with the police.

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He had to get out of town, so I gave him a hundred bucks.

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He told me maybe he's in New York now, or Florida,

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he gave me a lot of places where he meant to be,

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so I gave it to the police, all those places.

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Nearly two years have passed with no further leads.

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For the Santiago's, nothing will ever be the same.

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To me, it's like it happened just the other day.

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It's very hard to let go.

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I tried and just...

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the happy times that we spent with Pedro and...

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all I see is his smiling face.

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Yeah, no.

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We just miss him a lot.

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I know I won't give my son back,

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but I would like to see him get caught and be in locked up.

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Gachimba's real name is Gerardo Gonzalez.

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He has not been charged with any crime,

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however police would like to question him.

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Gachimba's Cuban stands five feet eight inches tall

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and weighs around 160 pounds.

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He may be living in New York, Florida, Michigan, or Illinois.

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When we return, a four-year-old girl

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survives a devastating tornado

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and then mysteriously disappears.

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The Woodward, Oklahoma, 50 years ago

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belonged to a simpler, quieter age.

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On April 9, 1947, two events were the talk of the town.

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A popular Ingrid Bergman film had finally arrived

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at the town's only movie theater.

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More importantly, a telephone operator's strike

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had left Woodward's 5,500 residents

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virtually cut off from the outside world.

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Had the phones been turned off,

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would Woodward have gotten news of an impending disaster,

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a monstrous tornado that had shone its way across Texas

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00:32:16,420 --> 00:32:19,420

and was headed directly towards them?

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As darkness fell, the giant twister slammed into the town,

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reducing it to rubble.

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More than 1,000 people were injured,

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00:32:29,420 --> 00:32:33,420

more than 100 killed, all in a matter of minutes.

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Nearly half a century has passed since the disaster,

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but incredibly one survivor still remains unaccounted for today.

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Joan Gay Croft was only four years old

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when she mysteriously disappeared

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during the chaotic aftermath of the tornado.

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Although Joan Gay was last seen more than 46 years ago,

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some members of her family are convinced she is still alive.

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Perhaps with your help, she will be found tonight.

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00:33:05,420 --> 00:33:08,420

Perhaps she will even be watching.

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Joan Gay Croft grew up in one of Woodward's most prominent families.

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God is great, God is good,

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God is thank you for our food.

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Her father, Olan, was a successful sheep rancher.

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He was able to provide a comfortable life for the family,

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his wife, Clita, her 12-year-old daughter from a previous marriage

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and, of course, 4-year-old Joan Gay,

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who was remembered fondly by her great-aunt Ruth Bond.

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She's the most prettiest little girl I've ever seen.

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00:33:41,420 --> 00:33:43,420

She was just perfect.

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00:33:43,420 --> 00:33:45,420

Her little teeth was white as pearls,

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and she was real bashful.

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00:33:48,420 --> 00:33:51,420

When someone had come in while she'd get hold of her mother's dress tail

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00:33:51,420 --> 00:33:53,420

and kind of hide around behind her,

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she was a mama's girl.

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April 9, 1947 had dawned ominously

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00:34:06,420 --> 00:34:09,420

and the sky tinted a reddish cast.

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That afternoon, Ruth Bond was visiting her sister

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00:34:12,420 --> 00:34:15,420

when the day suddenly grew dark and threatening.

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00:34:15,420 --> 00:34:17,420

Ruth, do you feel that?

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I looked up, and it was just so still that it was really odd.

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It's been so windy all day, and it's really calm now.

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The sky's an odd color.

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There wasn't no noise, any kind of birds wasn't singing.

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It was just quiet.

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The time we got home, that thing had hit.

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00:34:41,420 --> 00:34:44,420

We'd hear boards and tin and stuff hit the house,

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00:34:44,420 --> 00:34:48,420

and I just knew that we've never had nothing like this.

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When the tornado hit, I stepped out on the front porch

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00:34:52,420 --> 00:34:55,420

and I saw this car come down the street with all four wheels locked up,

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00:34:55,420 --> 00:34:57,420

and the wind was pushing it down the street,

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00:34:57,420 --> 00:34:59,420

and I knew we were in trouble then.

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00:34:59,420 --> 00:35:01,420

Wind began to blow.

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00:35:01,420 --> 00:35:03,420

It became quite fierce,

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00:35:03,420 --> 00:35:06,420

and we huddled back in the corner of the room

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00:35:06,420 --> 00:35:09,420

to watch the windows blow out,

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00:35:09,420 --> 00:35:13,420

and the electric light lines bounced down the street.

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It was just a horrible, horrible experience.

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I was very scared.

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It lasted four to five minutes,

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which seemed like an eternity.

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We were very lucky.

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We had broken windows, minor damage,

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00:35:38,420 --> 00:35:43,420

and then Mother and I went to search for our relatives.

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00:35:47,420 --> 00:35:50,420

Marvella and her mother Ruth joined the survivors

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00:35:50,420 --> 00:35:52,420

streaming to the town's only hospital.

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Ruth had been unable to find her mother or brother,

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nor had she heard from Olin Croft and his family.

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Marvella, over here.

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00:36:01,420 --> 00:36:05,420

A woman and a mom had settled over an unforgettable scene.

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Mama, where are you?

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00:36:08,420 --> 00:36:10,420

We stepped over bodies.

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00:36:10,420 --> 00:36:13,420

Some of them had their skull all cut off,

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00:36:13,420 --> 00:36:15,420

and some of them had their throats cut.

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00:36:15,420 --> 00:36:17,420

Some of them was dead.

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Clean them up.

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00:36:19,420 --> 00:36:21,420

It was just like war time if they dropped a bomb.

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That's just about what it looked like.

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It was just terrible.

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There's Betty Irwin. Betty?

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Betty?

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00:36:29,420 --> 00:36:31,420

Mama, have you seen my family?

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00:36:31,420 --> 00:36:33,420

No, I haven't seen your mama, but Joan Gay and Jerry

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00:36:33,420 --> 00:36:35,420

are in the basement.

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Ruth learned that her nieces had made it through the tornado.

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Their father, Olin, was seriously injured.

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Tragically, their mother, Clea, was dead.

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I thought, oh, no, Lord, it can't be this.

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It just can't be this. That's all.

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She was a perfect mother to those kids,

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00:36:52,420 --> 00:36:54,420

and then kids loved her.

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00:36:54,420 --> 00:36:57,420

And that was hard.

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00:36:57,420 --> 00:37:00,420

It was hard. It was real hard.

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00:37:00,420 --> 00:37:03,420

Joan Gay?

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00:37:03,420 --> 00:37:05,420

Jerry?

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00:37:05,420 --> 00:37:07,420

Ruth picked her way through the dead and wounded

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00:37:07,420 --> 00:37:10,420

in the hospital basement until she finally found her nieces.

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Joan Gay's leg had been pierced clear through

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with a finger-sized splitter of wood.

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Her sister was bruised from the flying debris.

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Well, I thought, my God saved them both.

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They're going to be all right,

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00:37:25,420 --> 00:37:28,420

but one of them has hurt very bad.

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You just think of it as a big old splitter, OK?

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I want my mommy and my daddy.

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I know where your daddy is.

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00:37:37,420 --> 00:37:39,420

I'm going to see if I can find your mama.

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00:37:39,420 --> 00:37:41,420

They're poor kids.

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00:37:41,420 --> 00:37:43,420

I got to tell them mama's gone,

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00:37:43,420 --> 00:37:46,420

and that was just heartbreaking.

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00:37:46,420 --> 00:37:48,420

So I didn't let on like I even knew,

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00:37:48,420 --> 00:37:50,420

because that wouldn't help those girls at all.

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00:37:50,420 --> 00:37:52,420

They just went hysterical.

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00:37:52,420 --> 00:37:54,420

I'm sure they would have.

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00:37:54,420 --> 00:37:56,420

Relieved that her nieces were safe,

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00:37:56,420 --> 00:37:58,420

Ruth hurried back outside.

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00:37:58,420 --> 00:38:01,420

There she finally found her mother and brother.

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00:38:01,420 --> 00:38:03,420

Mama, Carl, is she going to be all right?

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00:38:03,420 --> 00:38:04,420

No, Ruth, she's bad.

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00:38:04,420 --> 00:38:06,420

We got to get her to Moreland Hospital.

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00:38:06,420 --> 00:38:08,420

Mama, can you stand?

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00:38:08,420 --> 00:38:10,420

When she got to the other hospital,

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Ruth was pressed into service

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00:38:12,420 --> 00:38:15,420

helping the overburdened doctors and nurses.

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The next morning, she finally returned to her nieces.

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Aunt Ruth.

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Where's Joan Gay?

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Some men took her.

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Some men took her?

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Did you know them?

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00:38:30,420 --> 00:38:31,420

No.

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00:38:31,420 --> 00:38:33,420

Betty? Betty?

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00:38:33,420 --> 00:38:35,420

What is it, Ruth?

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00:38:35,420 --> 00:38:36,420

Where's Joan Gay?

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Well, two men came by last night.

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

The two men had claimed they were taking the little girl

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00:38:40,420 --> 00:38:42,420

to a hospital in Oklahoma City,

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00:38:42,420 --> 00:38:44,420

some 120 miles distant.

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00:38:44,420 --> 00:38:45,420

Dr. Jacobson.

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00:38:45,420 --> 00:38:47,420

But calls to all the hospitals in that area

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00:38:47,420 --> 00:38:51,420

turned up absolutely no trace of Joan Gay Croft.

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Less than a week after the tornado,

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Ruth received the phone call she had been dreading,

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00:38:59,420 --> 00:39:02,420

a call from the local mortician.

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00:39:02,420 --> 00:39:04,420

Franklin?

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00:39:04,420 --> 00:39:07,420

When the bodies were laid out in the chapel area,

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00:39:07,420 --> 00:39:10,420

their relatives would come in and look at them.

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00:39:10,420 --> 00:39:12,420

Well, when you finally got down,

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00:39:12,420 --> 00:39:18,420

we had two left over that nobody had identified.

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Franklin? Franklin?

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One of the unclaimed bodies was a young blonde-haired girl

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00:39:24,420 --> 00:39:27,420

who bore a striking resemblance to Joan Gay Croft.

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The mortician asked Ruth to bring some of her nieces

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00:39:30,420 --> 00:39:32,420

clothes to the mortuary.

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00:39:32,420 --> 00:39:34,420

Ruth, these are too big.

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00:39:34,420 --> 00:39:36,420

It's not your niece.

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00:39:36,420 --> 00:39:38,420

Pray to God you're right, Franklin.

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00:39:38,420 --> 00:39:41,420

Ruth insisted on viewing the little girl,

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just to be sure she was not Joan Gay.

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00:39:44,420 --> 00:39:49,420

I was really relieved it wasn't our little Joan Gay.

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00:39:49,420 --> 00:39:54,420

I just, that was one burden off my heart right there.

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00:39:54,420 --> 00:39:56,420

You will find her, Ruth.

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00:39:56,420 --> 00:39:58,420

I hope so.

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00:39:58,420 --> 00:40:00,420

With Joan Gay still unaccounted for her,

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00:40:00,420 --> 00:40:03,420

her family launched an all-out search.

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00:40:03,420 --> 00:40:09,420

They listed her missing with all of the law enforcement.

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FBI, they went to all extremes to look for her.

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And there was never, ever a trace of her.

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After nearly 50 years, the identity of the two men

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00:40:26,420 --> 00:40:32,420

who carried off Joan Gay is a source of lingering speculation.

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According to Ruth, they asked the nurse very specifically

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for the Croft children.

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Had the men known the family?

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Were they even rescue workers?

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00:40:42,420 --> 00:40:46,420

And where did they take Joan Gay?

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Whatever the answers, many of Joan Gay's relatives

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00:40:49,420 --> 00:40:53,420

believe she is still alive.

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It's a possibility she could be out there alive.

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I have no idea.

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00:40:58,420 --> 00:41:00,420

I think maybe she might be.

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00:41:00,420 --> 00:41:02,420

Because she wouldn't really hurt that bad.

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00:41:02,420 --> 00:41:06,420

Until somebody can prove to me otherwise,

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00:41:06,420 --> 00:41:09,420

I will always believe, I'll firmly believe

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00:41:09,420 --> 00:41:11,420

she's out there somewhere.

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00:41:11,420 --> 00:41:16,420

And we want to find her and bring her back home.

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00:41:16,420 --> 00:41:19,420

We'd just have a great big reunion.

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00:41:19,420 --> 00:41:22,420

That's what we'd do, we'd celebrate.

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Yeah, all of us would.

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Very few pictures of Joan Gay Croft survived the tornado.

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Joan Gay had blue eyes, blond hair,

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and at the time spoke with a mild lisp.

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She would probably still have scars on her left cap

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from the tornado injury.

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Joan Gay Croft was four years old

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when she disappeared April 9, 1947.

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On our next Unsolved Mysteries,

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in Australia, a panicky young pilot radios

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00:42:04,420 --> 00:42:07,420

that he's being tailed by a bizarre light source.

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00:42:07,420 --> 00:42:09,420

Seconds later, the pilot and his plane

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00:42:09,420 --> 00:42:11,420

literally vanished from the sky.

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Some believe it was a close encounter

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of the most sinister kind.

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Also the curious saga of a convicted bank robber

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who refuses to tell authorities his real name.

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The more we kept digging into this gentleman's background,

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the more mystery surrounded him.

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00:42:33,420 --> 00:42:37,420

Everyone that surrounded him eventually disappeared.

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Perhaps someone watching will know his identity

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and what, if anything, he is trying to conceal.

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Join me next time for another fascinating edition

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