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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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Imagine the vast arid deserts of the American West flowering into a modern-day garden of

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a bee. Incredible as it seems, a former rocket scientist believes he has found a vast underground

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river in Nevada that could create just such a transformation. After World War II, a trusting

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Polish couple sent their only son off to America with friends. They had no idea that they

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would never see him again.

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In Los Angeles, Ted Loseff, a prominent surgeon, was found dead in his garage. The police ruled

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that he was a suicide, but Ted's mother, Zell, was not convinced. Disturbed by the odd behavior

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of Ted's wife, Zell began to suspect that her son had been targeted for murder.

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Zell Loseff embarked on her own investigation, an investigation that ultimately forced authorities

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00:01:09,480 --> 00:01:15,560

to reclassify her son's death. Perhaps someone watching tonight will have that one vital

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00:01:15,560 --> 00:01:21,920

clue that could help end Zell Loseff's odyssey. Join me. Perhaps you may be able to help

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00:01:21,920 --> 00:01:24,000

solve a mystery.

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The doorbell rang at 10 o'clock at night, and my daughter and her husband were at the

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00:01:58,920 --> 00:02:05,920

door. I was startled, company at 10, but my daughter and her husband were at the door.

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I knew I was going to hear something awful.

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00:02:13,220 --> 00:02:18,220

Miss Moor, That guy, what's coming in■?

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00:02:18,220 --> 00:02:22,220

He's going to kill the kid?

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00:02:22,220 --> 00:02:28,220

What is he going to do?

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00:02:28,220 --> 00:02:32,220

He's the big guy, he's the big guy.

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00:02:32,220 --> 00:02:34,340

The ....

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00:02:34,340 --> 00:02:39,900

Miss Mordavi, Adonai, Roilo, Exxon.

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00:02:39,900 --> 00:02:45,260

On February 25, 1974, Zell Losev of Los Angeles, California

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00:02:45,260 --> 00:02:49,700

sat numbly through the funeral of her only son Ted.

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00:02:49,700 --> 00:02:53,140

Two days earlier, the 40-year-old orthopedic surgeon

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00:02:53,140 --> 00:02:56,380

had apparently taken his own life.

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00:02:56,380 --> 00:02:58,380

Zell was devastated.

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00:02:58,380 --> 00:03:01,940

In her grief, she could not have imagined what lay ahead.

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00:03:01,940 --> 00:03:04,660

An all-consuming 19-year investigation

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00:03:04,660 --> 00:03:07,300

into her son's death that would ultimately force

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00:03:07,300 --> 00:03:12,740

authorities to back down from the official finding of suicide.

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00:03:12,740 --> 00:03:19,540

Of all people in the world, Ted was not one to take his life.

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00:03:19,540 --> 00:03:24,380

My son was murdered, definitely.

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00:03:28,380 --> 00:03:31,620

The night Ted Losev died, police found a suicide note

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00:03:31,620 --> 00:03:34,420

apparently written to his wife, Will de.

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00:03:34,420 --> 00:03:36,780

The note said simply, all I ever asked for

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00:03:36,780 --> 00:03:40,220

was one moment of compassion and understanding.

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00:03:40,220 --> 00:03:42,940

Zell Losev now believes the note was a finishing touch

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00:03:42,940 --> 00:03:46,660

in a plot to cover up the murder of her son.

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00:03:46,660 --> 00:03:47,700

Congratulations, Ted.

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00:03:47,700 --> 00:03:48,700

This is quite a set up.

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00:03:48,700 --> 00:03:49,600

Well, thanks a lot, Bob.

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00:03:49,600 --> 00:03:51,060

I'm very proud of it.

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00:03:51,060 --> 00:03:53,780

Ted Losev was already a well-respected surgeon

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00:03:53,780 --> 00:03:55,980

when he moved his practice in 1971.

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00:03:55,980 --> 00:03:56,780

Come on back here.

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00:03:56,780 --> 00:03:57,660

I'll give you the quarter tour.

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00:03:57,660 --> 00:04:00,300

During a private reception at his new offices,

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00:04:00,300 --> 00:04:02,580

Ted was introduced to a nurse named Will de.

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00:04:02,580 --> 00:04:04,500

You know Dr. Ted Losev?

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00:04:04,500 --> 00:04:05,500

No.

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00:04:05,500 --> 00:04:06,500

No.

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00:04:06,500 --> 00:04:07,500

He's Will de.

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00:04:07,500 --> 00:04:08,500

Will de.

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

How do you know?

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

Ted and Will de.

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00:04:10,500 --> 00:04:12,340

were married less than a year later.

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00:04:12,340 --> 00:04:14,100

At Ted's insistence, Will decided

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to preup shul agreement.

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00:04:15,940 --> 00:04:20,580

She would get no property if the marriage ended in divorce.

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00:04:20,580 --> 00:04:25,260

Within six months, that seemed increasingly likely.

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00:04:25,260 --> 00:04:26,980

How many drinks have you had?

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00:04:26,980 --> 00:04:28,620

What difference does it make?

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00:04:28,620 --> 00:04:29,580

Oh, I know.

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00:04:30,100 --> 00:04:31,500

100.

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00:04:31,500 --> 00:04:32,380

200.

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00:04:32,380 --> 00:04:37,740

She had problems with alcohol, and it wasn't good.

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00:04:37,740 --> 00:04:44,860

I soon learned that the marriage was a marriage not of love.

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00:04:44,860 --> 00:04:49,260

Will de would go into his tyrannics and scream and yell

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00:04:49,260 --> 00:04:51,780

and carry on.

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00:04:51,780 --> 00:04:54,020

The fighting was just awful.

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00:04:54,020 --> 00:04:55,740

It's not fair to throw that in my face.

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00:04:55,740 --> 00:04:57,140

I've got to go out of here.

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00:04:57,180 --> 00:04:59,700

Apparently, the bitter arguing plagued the marriage up

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00:04:59,700 --> 00:05:05,820

until the day Ted Losev died, February 23, 1974.

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00:05:05,820 --> 00:05:06,820

Officer.

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00:05:06,820 --> 00:05:08,580

Officer, you have to help me.

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00:05:08,580 --> 00:05:09,860

My husband, he's got a gun.

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00:05:09,860 --> 00:05:13,420

That evening, at around 8 PM, an anxious Will de Losev

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00:05:13,420 --> 00:05:16,620

had called police, saying her husband was armed.

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00:05:16,620 --> 00:05:17,660

Officer, officer.

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00:05:17,660 --> 00:05:18,580

Let's go.

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00:05:18,580 --> 00:05:19,580

Is there keys in the house?

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00:05:19,580 --> 00:05:20,580

Yeah, I have the keys.

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00:05:20,580 --> 00:05:23,380

Waiting with Will de were Edward J, a family friend,

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00:05:23,380 --> 00:05:25,380

and the Losev's housekeeper.

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00:05:25,380 --> 00:05:26,380

All right, all right.

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00:05:26,380 --> 00:05:27,380

Let's close.

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00:05:27,380 --> 00:05:28,380

All right.

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00:05:28,380 --> 00:05:29,380

Now, did you see the gun?

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00:05:29,380 --> 00:05:30,380

No.

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00:05:30,380 --> 00:05:31,380

All right.

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00:05:31,380 --> 00:05:32,380

So I'm going to put it right here.

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00:05:32,380 --> 00:05:35,380

Ted?

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00:05:35,380 --> 00:05:38,500

Ted didn't answer, and there was no sign of him anywhere

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00:05:38,500 --> 00:05:39,500

in the house.

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00:05:39,500 --> 00:05:40,400

Hello?

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00:05:47,900 --> 00:05:50,420

Well, I don't know where he is, but he's definitely not here.

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00:05:50,420 --> 00:05:52,420

Usually parks outside the gates out there.

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00:05:52,420 --> 00:05:53,820

Yeah, we'll file a report.

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00:05:53,820 --> 00:05:54,820

You hear that?

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00:05:57,300 --> 00:06:00,900

It's coming out when we're ready to put lots of light on our

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00:06:00,900 --> 00:06:01,900

son.

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00:06:01,900 --> 00:06:03,620

Now, it's visible to me at some point,

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00:06:03,620 --> 00:06:06,700

my pictures of his Valentine's Day coming up.

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00:06:06,700 --> 00:06:08,700

Oh, no, Ted!

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00:06:08,700 --> 00:06:09,700

Stand back.

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00:06:09,700 --> 00:06:11,700

PEN CALLS

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00:06:22,700 --> 00:06:23,700

Call an ambulance.

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00:06:23,700 --> 00:06:26,700

They found him in his car in the garage.

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00:06:26,700 --> 00:06:29,700

It had to be suicide.

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00:06:29,700 --> 00:06:32,700

It wasn't until a little later,

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00:06:32,700 --> 00:06:36,700

when things began to become so suspicious,

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00:06:36,700 --> 00:06:38,700

that I wondered about it.

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00:06:38,700 --> 00:06:41,700

The car was running, the victim was behind the wheel,

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00:06:41,700 --> 00:06:43,700

and this hose was in the tailpipe

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00:06:43,700 --> 00:06:44,700

and fed in through the window.

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00:06:44,700 --> 00:06:46,700

To authorities on the scene,

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00:06:46,700 --> 00:06:48,700

the evidence of suicide was overwhelming,

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00:06:48,700 --> 00:06:50,700

and there was no further investigation.

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00:06:50,700 --> 00:06:52,700

No fingerprints were taken.

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00:06:52,700 --> 00:06:54,700

No autopsy was performed.

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00:06:54,700 --> 00:06:56,700

No questions were asked.

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00:06:59,700 --> 00:07:00,700

I looked for Ted in the house.

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00:07:00,700 --> 00:07:02,700

In the days following Ted's death,

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00:07:02,700 --> 00:07:04,700

Zell and Wilda rarely spoke.

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00:07:04,700 --> 00:07:07,700

When they did finally meet face to face,

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00:07:07,700 --> 00:07:10,700

March of 1974, Zell was totally unprepared

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00:07:10,700 --> 00:07:12,700

for Wilda's behavior.

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00:07:12,700 --> 00:07:15,700

Zell had asked Wilda for a keepsake,

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00:07:15,700 --> 00:07:18,700

a watch she had given her son as a wedding present.

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00:07:18,700 --> 00:07:19,700

It must be hard to talk about.

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00:07:19,700 --> 00:07:21,700

I know you're worried about this.

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00:07:21,700 --> 00:07:23,700

I wasn't worried about this.

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00:07:23,700 --> 00:07:27,700

I didn't care about Ted the way you did.

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00:07:28,700 --> 00:07:30,700

I'm glad he's gone.

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00:07:34,700 --> 00:07:36,700

Wilda's harsh comments had awakened

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00:07:36,700 --> 00:07:38,700

unfocused suspicions in Zell,

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00:07:38,700 --> 00:07:41,700

and her grief was slowly overtaken by doubts.

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00:07:41,700 --> 00:07:44,700

She began to feel as something was not quite right

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

about the suicide scene.

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00:07:46,700 --> 00:07:49,700

Incredibly, Zell says the discrepancies

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00:07:49,700 --> 00:07:52,700

finally became clear to her in a dream.

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00:07:52,700 --> 00:07:55,700

She recalled that Ted had never parked his car

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00:07:55,700 --> 00:07:57,700

in the garage.

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00:07:59,700 --> 00:08:05,700

I saw a garage filled with lots and lots

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00:08:05,700 --> 00:08:09,700

of boat equipment, cartons of boxes,

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00:08:09,700 --> 00:08:14,700

and I realized I was at Ted's garage.

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00:08:14,700 --> 00:08:18,700

And I knew that to put his car there,

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00:08:18,700 --> 00:08:22,700

he had to move the things that were in that garage.

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00:08:22,700 --> 00:08:24,700

Ted had back surgery.

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00:08:24,700 --> 00:08:30,700

It was impossible for him physically.

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00:08:30,700 --> 00:08:36,700

And then I saw the gates, these great big double old iron

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00:08:36,700 --> 00:08:38,700

gates.

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00:08:38,700 --> 00:08:42,700

In her dream, Zell remembered that the driveway gates

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00:08:42,700 --> 00:08:44,700

were damaged and difficult to open.

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00:08:44,700 --> 00:08:47,700

Ted had always parked in front of the house.

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00:08:52,700 --> 00:08:54,700

To Zell, the implications of the dream

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00:08:54,700 --> 00:08:56,700

were simple but stunning.

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00:08:56,700 --> 00:08:58,700

Someone had cleared out the garage

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00:08:58,700 --> 00:09:00,700

and pried open the gates.

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00:09:00,700 --> 00:09:02,700

The suicide had been staged.

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00:09:02,700 --> 00:09:05,700

Her son murdered in cold blood.

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00:09:09,700 --> 00:09:11,700

Zell's suspicions alone are not nearly enough

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00:09:11,700 --> 00:09:13,700

to get the case reopened.

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00:09:13,700 --> 00:09:15,700

Taking matters into her own hands,

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00:09:15,700 --> 00:09:18,700

she tracked down her son's former housekeeper.

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00:09:18,700 --> 00:09:21,700

Her account of Ted's last day would confirm

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00:09:21,700 --> 00:09:23,700

Zell's worst fears.

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00:09:23,700 --> 00:09:24,700

Hello, yes.

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00:09:24,700 --> 00:09:27,700

I'm Zell Loseff, and I've been looking for the housekeeper

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00:09:27,700 --> 00:09:29,700

who worked for my son Ted.

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00:09:29,700 --> 00:09:30,700

Oh, Mrs. Loseff.

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00:09:30,700 --> 00:09:34,700

To protect her identity, we will call the housekeeper Mary.

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00:09:34,700 --> 00:09:37,700

The following recreations are based on her sworn testimony

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00:09:37,700 --> 00:09:42,700

before a Los Angeles County coroner's inquest.

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00:09:42,700 --> 00:09:46,700

Well, I was supposed to arrive at 8.30,

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00:09:46,700 --> 00:09:48,700

but I didn't get there until around 10.

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00:09:48,700 --> 00:09:51,700

And when I arrived, Dr. Loseff was in the kitchen.

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00:09:51,700 --> 00:09:52,700

Duran gas lines.

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00:09:52,700 --> 00:09:53,700

Oh, that's okay.

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00:09:53,700 --> 00:09:56,700

I hope your wife isn't angry that I wasn't here earlier.

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00:09:56,700 --> 00:10:00,700

She's not going to be around here anymore.

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00:10:00,700 --> 00:10:02,700

We had a little misunderstanding,

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00:10:02,700 --> 00:10:05,700

and, well, we're going to be getting a divorce.

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00:10:05,700 --> 00:10:07,700

Oh, I'm sorry to hear that.

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00:10:07,700 --> 00:10:11,700

But around 2 o'clock, she came in.

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00:10:11,700 --> 00:10:14,700

She parked her car directly in front of the door,

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00:10:14,700 --> 00:10:16,700

and then she went right upstairs.

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00:10:16,700 --> 00:10:17,700

Mary!

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00:10:17,700 --> 00:10:19,700

And then a few minutes later,

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00:10:19,700 --> 00:10:22,700

I heard all this screaming and yelling.

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00:10:22,700 --> 00:10:25,700

What in the world is going on?

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00:10:25,700 --> 00:10:27,700

Dr. Loseff, let her go!

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00:10:27,700 --> 00:10:29,700

I'm trying to go in my hands.

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00:10:29,700 --> 00:10:31,700

You're giving out your money back.

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00:10:31,700 --> 00:10:33,700

He's got a gun. I'm scared.

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00:10:33,700 --> 00:10:35,700

Do you have a gun with Dr. Loseff?

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00:10:35,700 --> 00:10:36,700

She's crazy.

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00:10:36,700 --> 00:10:37,700

Will, doc!

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00:10:37,700 --> 00:10:41,700

And I said, if you want me to continue to work with you,

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00:10:41,700 --> 00:10:44,700

you'll have to talk to my husband.

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00:10:44,700 --> 00:10:46,700

Well, he paid me for my work,

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00:10:46,700 --> 00:10:49,700

and I got in my car, and I drove down the street,

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00:10:49,700 --> 00:10:53,700

and there was Mrs. Loseff.

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00:10:53,700 --> 00:10:55,700

Mrs. Loseff, what are you doing?

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00:10:55,700 --> 00:10:56,700

Oh, my God, Mary, what am I going to do?

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00:10:56,700 --> 00:10:57,700

I can't go back there.

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00:10:57,700 --> 00:11:00,700

And then she asked me if she could go with me,

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00:11:00,700 --> 00:11:02,700

and I said, well, yes.

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00:11:02,700 --> 00:11:04,700

So I drove home.

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00:11:07,700 --> 00:11:11,700

She kept insisting that Dr. Loseff had a gun,

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00:11:11,700 --> 00:11:13,700

so I called the police.

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00:11:13,700 --> 00:11:16,700

No, officer. No, I'm not the wife.

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00:11:16,700 --> 00:11:18,700

Well, she said that he had a gun.

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00:11:18,700 --> 00:11:21,700

He had a gun? I saw a gun.

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00:11:21,700 --> 00:11:23,700

She insisted he has a gun.

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00:11:23,700 --> 00:11:24,700

Why don't you come talk to him?

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00:11:24,700 --> 00:11:26,700

They told me that they couldn't go over there

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00:11:26,700 --> 00:11:28,700

if I hadn't seen a gun, and I hadn't seen it.

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00:11:28,700 --> 00:11:30,700

Thank you, officer.

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00:11:32,700 --> 00:11:34,700

I'm going to call Dr. Loseff.

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00:11:38,700 --> 00:11:41,700

Mary says she tried to call Ted at least 20 times

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00:11:41,700 --> 00:11:45,700

between 3 and 8 PM every time the line was busy.

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00:11:48,700 --> 00:11:53,700

About 8 o'clock, I call Dr. Loseff again.

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00:11:53,700 --> 00:11:55,700

It's ringing, finally.

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00:12:01,700 --> 00:12:03,700

No one's answering.

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00:12:05,700 --> 00:12:07,700

I'm going to call the police again.

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00:12:08,700 --> 00:12:12,700

Within the hour, police had found Ted's body.

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00:12:12,700 --> 00:12:14,700

Their initial belief that he killed himself

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00:12:14,700 --> 00:12:16,700

was confirmed by the discovery of the note

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00:12:16,700 --> 00:12:18,700

in an upstairs bedroom.

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00:12:18,700 --> 00:12:21,700

However, to Mary, it was the first

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00:12:21,700 --> 00:12:23,700

of several alarming discrepancies.

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00:12:26,700 --> 00:12:29,700

I always thought that that note on the shirt cardboard

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00:12:29,700 --> 00:12:32,700

was kind of strange, because I had been ironing

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00:12:32,700 --> 00:12:34,700

Dr. Loseff's shirts for a long time,

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00:12:34,700 --> 00:12:36,700

and I always used a hanger.

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00:12:36,700 --> 00:12:39,700

I never used a shirt cardboard.

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00:12:39,700 --> 00:12:41,700

What are you saying?

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00:12:41,700 --> 00:12:45,700

As she stood with her husband and gazed at Dr. Loseff's body,

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00:12:45,700 --> 00:12:48,700

Mary was jarred by another inconsistency.

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00:12:48,700 --> 00:12:52,700

When I last saw him, he was wearing brown pants

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00:12:52,700 --> 00:12:54,700

and a kind of a mustard shirt,

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00:12:54,700 --> 00:12:58,700

and now he had on gray pants and a dress shirt.

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00:12:58,700 --> 00:13:03,700

And do you know that whole time that I worked there,

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00:13:04,700 --> 00:13:09,700

after Dr. Loseff died, I never once saw those brown pants

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00:13:09,700 --> 00:13:11,700

and that mustard-colored shirt that he was wearing

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00:13:11,700 --> 00:13:13,700

the last time I saw him.

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00:13:16,700 --> 00:13:19,700

The discrepancies became impossible to ignore.

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00:13:19,700 --> 00:13:22,700

In the kitchen, Mary found several empty beer cans

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00:13:22,700 --> 00:13:24,700

and four dirty glasses.

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00:13:24,700 --> 00:13:26,700

Ted Loseff rarely drank.

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00:13:28,700 --> 00:13:31,700

Mrs. Loseff, can you come here, Mary, please?

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00:13:31,700 --> 00:13:34,700

A week later, Mary found unusual stains

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00:13:34,700 --> 00:13:37,700

on some bedspreads in the guest room.

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00:13:37,700 --> 00:13:39,700

This looks like vomit.

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00:13:40,700 --> 00:13:43,700

Oh, yes, this is the dog's vomit.

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00:13:43,700 --> 00:13:45,700

They were sick last night.

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00:13:45,700 --> 00:13:50,700

However, Mary remembers the dog's being in a kennel at that time.

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00:13:51,700 --> 00:13:53,700

When she later washed the bedspreads,

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00:13:53,700 --> 00:13:56,700

the vomit spots completely disintegrated.

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00:13:57,700 --> 00:14:02,700

After hearing the housekeeper's many stories,

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00:14:02,700 --> 00:14:06,700

I knew there was foul play

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00:14:06,700 --> 00:14:09,700

and something terrible happened to Ted

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00:14:09,700 --> 00:14:12,700

and that I had to find out.

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00:14:12,700 --> 00:14:17,700

There is evidence of food fiber in the bronchi of the lungs.

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00:14:17,700 --> 00:14:20,700

In 1978, four years after her son's death,

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00:14:20,700 --> 00:14:22,700

Zell finally won a legal battle

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00:14:22,700 --> 00:14:25,700

to have Ted's body exhumed for an autopsy.

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00:14:25,700 --> 00:14:28,700

The pathologist found undeniable evidence

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00:14:28,700 --> 00:14:31,700

that Ted had suffered a violent vomiting spell

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00:14:31,700 --> 00:14:33,700

in the moments before his death.

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00:14:33,700 --> 00:14:36,700

There should have been vomits on his clothing,

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00:14:36,700 --> 00:14:39,700

his face, and perhaps on the inside of the car.

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00:14:40,700 --> 00:14:42,700

Why wasn't it there?

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00:14:42,700 --> 00:14:45,700

This certainly strongly suggests to me

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00:14:45,700 --> 00:14:50,700

that this vomiting occurred someplace other than in the car.

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00:14:50,700 --> 00:14:53,700

And there were a number of discrepancies

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00:14:53,700 --> 00:14:55,700

that have never been explained,

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00:14:55,700 --> 00:14:59,700

but that very strongly move away from the whole thought of suicide.

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00:14:59,700 --> 00:15:03,700

This, until proven otherwise, is a homicide.

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00:15:05,700 --> 00:15:07,700

Fueled by the autopsy findings,

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00:15:07,700 --> 00:15:10,700

Zell pieced together a theory explaining her son's death,

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00:15:10,700 --> 00:15:13,700

a scenario of premeditated murder.

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00:15:16,700 --> 00:15:18,700

Zell believes Ted was assaulted

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00:15:18,700 --> 00:15:21,700

soon after Wilda and Mary left the house.

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00:15:24,700 --> 00:15:29,700

I believe that the people that killed my son

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00:15:29,700 --> 00:15:32,700

were close to the wife

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00:15:32,700 --> 00:15:36,700

because they knew that that back door would be open.

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00:15:41,700 --> 00:15:45,700

The autopsy indicated Ted had been involved in a struggle.

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00:15:45,700 --> 00:15:49,700

Zell believes he was overpowered by at least two men

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00:15:49,700 --> 00:15:51,700

who forced poison down his throat.

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00:15:53,700 --> 00:15:58,700

Ted was definitely fighting for his life according to the doctors.

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00:16:00,700 --> 00:16:05,700

Somebody took the phone off after they made sure he was dead

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00:16:05,700 --> 00:16:10,700

because it took a certain length of time for this to happen.

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00:16:10,700 --> 00:16:13,700

It could be five, six, seven minutes.

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00:16:13,700 --> 00:16:17,700

Then they cleaned him up

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00:16:17,700 --> 00:16:21,700

and they put his gray dress shirt on him.

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00:16:23,700 --> 00:16:27,700

Then they went to the garage, emptied out the garage

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00:16:27,700 --> 00:16:30,700

to make room for the car.

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00:16:30,700 --> 00:16:36,700

Then they had to open the gates to put his car into this garage,

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00:16:36,700 --> 00:16:40,700

carry his dead body into that garage,

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00:16:40,700 --> 00:16:45,700

close the door and then go out and close the gates.

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00:16:46,700 --> 00:16:49,700

Then they went back into the house, I think again.

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00:16:49,700 --> 00:16:52,700

Put the receiver back on lock.

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00:16:54,700 --> 00:16:58,700

It's ringing finally.

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00:16:58,700 --> 00:17:01,700

All afternoon Mary had been getting busy signals

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00:17:01,700 --> 00:17:03,700

when she tried to call Ted.

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00:17:03,700 --> 00:17:06,700

Now the phone was suddenly ringing.

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00:17:06,700 --> 00:17:09,700

Zell believes that this was a prearranged message

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00:17:09,700 --> 00:17:14,700

from the killers to Wilder that their job was done.

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00:17:16,700 --> 00:17:22,700

In March of 1982, the Los Angeles County Coroner finally ordered an inquest.

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00:17:22,700 --> 00:17:25,660

Zell's murder scenario, which many had dismissed

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00:17:25,660 --> 00:17:29,500

as a grieving mother's fantasy, began to gain credibility.

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00:17:29,500 --> 00:17:31,820

At the inquest, a witness who knew the family

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00:17:31,820 --> 00:17:33,260

testified at the note.

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00:17:33,260 --> 00:17:37,180

The alleged suicide note was indeed written by Ted.

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00:17:37,180 --> 00:17:39,740

However, he had written it after an argument with Wilder

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00:17:39,740 --> 00:17:42,740

more than two years before he died.

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00:17:42,740 --> 00:17:45,140

The inquest ultimately ruled that Ted Loseff's death

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00:17:45,140 --> 00:17:46,700

was a homicide.

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00:17:46,700 --> 00:17:50,020

But the most critical witness in the subsequent investigation

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00:17:50,020 --> 00:17:51,380

would soon be lost forever.

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00:17:53,700 --> 00:17:57,860

On May 1, 1983, Wilder died from an overdose of drugs

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00:17:57,860 --> 00:17:59,500

and alcohol.

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00:17:59,500 --> 00:18:01,220

More than two years later, the police

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00:18:01,220 --> 00:18:03,140

completed their inquiry.

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00:18:03,140 --> 00:18:05,580

They ruled that the cause of Ted Loseff's death

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00:18:05,580 --> 00:18:07,980

was undetermined.

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00:18:07,980 --> 00:18:10,540

However, Zell Loseff is convinced that someone

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00:18:10,540 --> 00:18:12,540

has gotten away with murder.

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00:18:12,540 --> 00:18:15,180

She is still hopeful a witness will come forward

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00:18:15,180 --> 00:18:17,980

with new information.

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00:18:17,980 --> 00:18:22,340

If the case would open up and they'd really

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00:18:22,380 --> 00:18:28,300

get the criminal, there'll be a peacefulness that'll come on me,

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00:18:28,300 --> 00:18:35,900

I hope, a desire to walk, to sing, to laugh.

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00:18:35,900 --> 00:18:38,500

I haven't been able to.

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00:18:38,500 --> 00:18:45,380

If I can do that again, that's it.

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00:18:46,380 --> 00:18:54,260

Next, controversy surrounds a modern day prospector,

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00:18:54,260 --> 00:18:56,940

and his claim that he has found a vast, untapped water

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00:18:56,940 --> 00:18:58,700

supply in the middle of the desert.

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00:19:07,700 --> 00:19:10,100

Even in a good year, precious little rain

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00:19:10,100 --> 00:19:13,180

will fall in the rugged deserts of the Western United States.

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00:19:15,540 --> 00:19:18,020

What doesn't evaporate instantly is quickly

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00:19:18,020 --> 00:19:21,140

soaked up by the few plants and animals evolution has

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00:19:21,140 --> 00:19:23,620

sentenced to live here.

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00:19:23,620 --> 00:19:25,700

However, numerous legends have sprouted

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00:19:25,700 --> 00:19:28,260

in this otherwise infertile land,

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00:19:28,260 --> 00:19:30,780

tales such as the lost Dutchman's mind,

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00:19:30,780 --> 00:19:35,500

or the missing gold and pegged-leg Smith.

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00:19:35,500 --> 00:19:38,820

In 1927, a prospector named Earl Doar

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00:19:38,820 --> 00:19:40,740

drove deep into the Nevada desert,

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00:19:40,740 --> 00:19:43,220

lured by an old Indian legend.

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00:19:43,220 --> 00:19:46,460

He told of a secret cavern leading to an underground river

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00:19:46,460 --> 00:19:49,100

that sparkled with nuggets of gold.

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00:19:49,100 --> 00:19:52,420

Earl Doar was just crazy enough to believe he could find it.

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00:19:56,220 --> 00:19:59,060

According to an affidavit, Doar later published,

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00:19:59,060 --> 00:20:01,060

he and his sidekick eventually found

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00:20:01,060 --> 00:20:03,580

the secret opening foretold in the legend

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00:20:03,580 --> 00:20:04,860

and squeezed on through.

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00:20:13,980 --> 00:20:17,340

The affidavit recounts a treacherous 3,500-foot descent

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00:20:17,340 --> 00:20:20,220

into a murky, subterranean canyon.

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00:20:20,220 --> 00:20:23,940

Earl claimed that at the bottom, they found the legendary river,

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00:20:23,940 --> 00:20:29,780

running as promised far below the cactus and the scorpions.

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00:20:29,780 --> 00:20:31,860

Earl said they explored for four days,

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00:20:31,860 --> 00:20:34,700

following the river for eight long miles.

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00:20:34,700 --> 00:20:37,780

Along every foot of it, nature had slowly concentrated

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00:20:37,780 --> 00:20:39,180

vast amounts of gold.

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00:20:39,780 --> 00:20:42,300

What he's describing is something like the world's

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00:20:42,300 --> 00:20:45,060

largest natural underground sluice,

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00:20:45,060 --> 00:20:49,500

where light rocks are carried away by the water,

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00:20:49,500 --> 00:20:52,860

and the heavier minerals like your gold, your platinum,

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00:20:52,860 --> 00:20:56,180

your group metals, rare earths, would be settling out

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00:20:56,180 --> 00:20:57,500

and concentrating.

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00:20:57,500 --> 00:21:02,260

So it's almost kind of a too good to be true thing.

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00:21:02,260 --> 00:21:05,140

Earl claimed that the rich black sands assayed out

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00:21:06,140 --> 00:21:10,020

at a phenomenal 100 ounces of gold per cubic yard.

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00:21:10,020 --> 00:21:13,340

At today's prices, a bucket of this fancy dirt

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00:21:13,340 --> 00:21:16,420

would be worth close to \$1,500.

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00:21:16,420 --> 00:21:19,060

It was the stuff dreams are made of.

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00:21:19,060 --> 00:21:22,540

However, Earl Dorr had one very major problem.

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00:21:22,540 --> 00:21:25,580

Someone else owned the land where the entrance to the cavern

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00:21:25,580 --> 00:21:27,140

was located.

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00:21:27,140 --> 00:21:29,420

Believing that he could find another way in,

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00:21:29,420 --> 00:21:32,140

Dorr decided to dynamite the original opening.

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00:21:35,140 --> 00:21:45,980

Earl Dorr was never able to find his treasure again.

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00:21:45,980 --> 00:21:49,540

Over the next 50 years, others would follow in his path.

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00:21:49,540 --> 00:21:52,340

But the location of the river, if it existed,

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00:21:52,340 --> 00:21:53,540

seemed lost forever.

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00:22:01,300 --> 00:22:04,660

Oddly, it was a space shuttle program of the 1980s

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00:22:04,660 --> 00:22:07,460

to suddenly open the door to the rediscovery of what

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00:22:07,460 --> 00:22:10,620

might be Earl Dorr's fantastic river.

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00:22:10,620 --> 00:22:13,340

Successive missions brought back new and more remarkable

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00:22:13,340 --> 00:22:15,300

photographs of our planet.

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00:22:15,300 --> 00:22:17,140

Some of the pictures came to the attention

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00:22:17,140 --> 00:22:18,940

of a scientist named Wally Spencer.

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00:22:21,660 --> 00:22:23,980

For 30 years, Spencer had been involved

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00:22:23,980 --> 00:22:26,700

in the development of solid rocket motors for NASA

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00:22:26,700 --> 00:22:28,940

and other government agencies.

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00:22:28,940 --> 00:22:31,220

When he studied the space shuttle photographs,

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00:22:31,220 --> 00:22:33,860

Spencer was convinced they offered a down to earth

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00:22:33,860 --> 00:22:36,740

opportunity.

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00:22:36,740 --> 00:22:39,260

In one picture of Nevada, Wally spotted

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00:22:39,260 --> 00:22:42,180

what he believed was an ancient river channel, bone drive

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00:22:42,180 --> 00:22:44,700

for some 500 million years.

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00:22:44,700 --> 00:22:48,420

But eons ago, plants would have flourished along such a river.

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00:22:48,420 --> 00:22:50,380

In the millennia since, those plants

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00:22:50,380 --> 00:22:53,300

would have slowly decomposed into black gold,

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00:22:53,300 --> 00:22:56,540

Nevada's own crude oil.

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00:22:56,540 --> 00:22:57,500

You ready to power up, then?

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00:22:57,500 --> 00:22:58,300

Yeah, let's do it.

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00:22:58,300 --> 00:23:00,540

Wally Jerry rigged a prospecting device

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00:23:00,540 --> 00:23:02,860

from common laboratory instruments.

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00:23:02,900 --> 00:23:06,140

He based his design on two simple facts.

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00:23:06,140 --> 00:23:09,740

First, the earth naturally emits a low level of radiation.

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00:23:09,740 --> 00:23:13,020

Second, a large subsurface pool of liquid, such as oil,

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00:23:13,020 --> 00:23:15,260

will block this radiation.

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00:23:15,260 --> 00:23:17,540

Wally believed that his invention could detect

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00:23:17,540 --> 00:23:20,900

such a drop in radiation, thus revealing the location

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00:23:20,900 --> 00:23:22,020

of a hidden reservoir.

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00:23:24,540 --> 00:23:28,340

But Wally had no idea if his device actually worked.

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00:23:28,340 --> 00:23:31,780

In June of 1989, with the help of his wife and son,

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00:23:31,780 --> 00:23:33,860

Wally put it to the test.

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00:23:33,860 --> 00:23:36,420

For three weeks, they bounced across the sands,

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00:23:36,420 --> 00:23:38,060

waiting for the device to react.

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00:23:41,220 --> 00:23:42,500

Whoa, Barry, stop, stop.

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00:23:42,500 --> 00:23:43,400

Hold it.

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00:23:43,400 --> 00:23:44,300

We went off scale.

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00:23:44,300 --> 00:23:44,620

I don't know.

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00:23:44,620 --> 00:23:45,180

Something happened.

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00:23:45,180 --> 00:23:46,220

We went totally off scale.

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00:23:46,220 --> 00:23:48,180

The wild response at first suggested

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00:23:48,180 --> 00:23:50,580

a monumental deposit of oil.

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00:23:50,580 --> 00:23:53,220

But further testing began to indicate to Wally

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00:23:53,220 --> 00:23:56,420

that they had actually found an immense underground river,

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00:23:56,420 --> 00:23:59,660

perhaps the same river Earl Doar had boasted about half

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00:23:59,660 --> 00:24:00,780

a century before.

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00:24:00,780 --> 00:24:03,180

It's got to be something huge.

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00:24:03,180 --> 00:24:06,300

It was very disappointing when we found out it wasn't oil,

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00:24:06,300 --> 00:24:10,060

because once we started mammoning, it looked like the river.

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00:24:10,060 --> 00:24:12,340

Everybody says, hey, you found the river.

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00:24:12,340 --> 00:24:14,340

You didn't find a pocket of oil.

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00:24:14,340 --> 00:24:15,580

Very disappointing.

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00:24:15,580 --> 00:24:19,540

But it was so large that it had to be exciting.

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00:24:22,140 --> 00:24:25,260

Wally became convinced he had found a virtually inexhaustible

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00:24:25,260 --> 00:24:26,700

water supply.

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00:24:26,700 --> 00:24:30,220

He estimated the flow could be an incredible 17 billion

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00:24:30,260 --> 00:24:32,420

gallons a day.

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00:24:32,420 --> 00:24:36,580

In a perched region like Nevada, water is as precious as gold.

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00:24:36,580 --> 00:24:39,980

Wally Spencer was certainly had found a priceless resource.

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00:24:43,180 --> 00:24:46,540

There is enough water for 170 gallons a day

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00:24:46,540 --> 00:24:49,900

for 100 million people.

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00:24:49,900 --> 00:24:52,060

Now, that has got to be something

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00:24:52,060 --> 00:24:57,300

that is extremely of interest to the Western United States,

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00:24:57,340 --> 00:24:59,540

to Nevada, to our nation as a whole.

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00:25:03,660 --> 00:25:05,820

The land I'm standing on here in Los Angeles

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00:25:05,820 --> 00:25:08,020

is once a virtual desert.

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00:25:08,020 --> 00:25:10,300

But with water piped from hundreds of miles away,

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00:25:10,300 --> 00:25:12,940

it became a flourishing garden.

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00:25:12,940 --> 00:25:15,540

Wally Spencer's River, if it does exist,

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00:25:15,540 --> 00:25:18,140

could likewise transform Nevada.

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00:25:18,140 --> 00:25:21,140

But for Wally, that remained just a pipe dream

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00:25:21,140 --> 00:25:24,220

when he found himself mired down in a bureaucratic standoff

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00:25:24,220 --> 00:25:25,060

with state officials.

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00:25:28,140 --> 00:25:30,780

Nevada law required that anyone drilling for water

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00:25:30,780 --> 00:25:32,540

first apply for a permit.

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00:25:32,540 --> 00:25:35,420

And that meant breveting the river's location.

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00:25:35,420 --> 00:25:38,100

Before doing so, Wally asked state officials

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00:25:38,100 --> 00:25:41,140

to guarantee that he would receive a finder's fee,

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00:25:41,140 --> 00:25:44,780

even though the state would own any water that he found.

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00:25:44,780 --> 00:25:46,780

However, authorities insisted that Wally

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00:25:46,780 --> 00:25:50,060

apply for a drilling permit, just like anybody else.

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00:25:50,060 --> 00:25:52,140

No promises, no guarantees.

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00:25:52,500 --> 00:25:55,380

If I filed for appropriations permit,

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00:25:55,380 --> 00:26:00,820

then it could be denied on any kind of whimsical notion

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00:26:00,820 --> 00:26:04,300

the state has, like not in the best interest of the people,

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00:26:04,300 --> 00:26:07,300

or not in the best interest of the state.

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00:26:07,300 --> 00:26:07,980

They would own it.

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00:26:07,980 --> 00:26:09,460

I would have nothing.

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00:26:09,460 --> 00:26:10,660

There's nobody, again, that tried

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00:26:10,660 --> 00:26:12,060

to rob him of his water rights.

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00:26:12,060 --> 00:26:13,540

There might be other speculators out here

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00:26:13,540 --> 00:26:16,740

that try to might also claim that he has priority

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00:26:16,740 --> 00:26:19,100

if he files the proper documentation.

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00:26:19,140 --> 00:26:22,180

And a lawyer can help him do that.

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00:26:22,180 --> 00:26:25,340

Wally and his wife, Beverly, were not convinced,

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00:26:25,340 --> 00:26:27,660

and they weren't taking any chances.

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00:26:27,660 --> 00:26:29,460

Concerned that others might try to steal

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00:26:29,460 --> 00:26:31,940

the secret of their finds, the Spencer's asked

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00:26:31,940 --> 00:26:34,220

two experts to scan their house for electronic bug.

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00:26:34,220 --> 00:26:37,460

Oh, interesting books.

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00:26:37,460 --> 00:26:39,300

At first, the sophisticated equipment

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00:26:39,300 --> 00:26:43,300

failed to locate any hidden listening devices.

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00:26:43,300 --> 00:26:46,860

But then one sensor picked up a bug on the phone line.

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00:26:46,900 --> 00:26:47,980

You see?

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00:26:47,980 --> 00:26:49,460

That's the kind of thing we're talking about.

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00:27:01,460 --> 00:27:04,460

In addition, the investigators found a high-tech listening

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00:27:04,460 --> 00:27:06,940

device secreted in the living room.

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00:27:06,940 --> 00:27:09,380

Beverly was convinced that only one thing would

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00:27:09,380 --> 00:27:11,140

motivate the electronic eavesdropping.

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00:27:11,140 --> 00:27:15,740

They were trying to probably find out the location.

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00:27:15,740 --> 00:27:18,460

We never discussed the location of the water.

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00:27:18,460 --> 00:27:20,900

It's not in our vocabulary.

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00:27:20,900 --> 00:27:23,620

So I don't know who did it.

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00:27:23,620 --> 00:27:25,620

I don't know why they did it.

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00:27:25,620 --> 00:27:28,660

But they haven't gained from it.

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00:27:28,660 --> 00:27:30,700

However, there are those who question

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00:27:30,700 --> 00:27:33,380

where the Wally Spencer has any information that

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00:27:33,380 --> 00:27:35,180

is truly worth stealing.

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00:27:35,180 --> 00:27:37,820

And they're trying to find out who did it.

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00:27:37,860 --> 00:27:39,540

The Wally Spencer has any information

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00:27:39,540 --> 00:27:40,980

that is truly worth stealing.

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00:27:44,180 --> 00:27:46,540

He has never revealed his technology.

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00:27:46,540 --> 00:27:48,580

He can't show where the water is coming from.

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00:27:48,580 --> 00:27:51,180

He can't show where the water is going.

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00:27:51,180 --> 00:27:53,380

And he won't reveal the location.

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00:27:53,380 --> 00:27:55,380

So it's not a lot different than the guy

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00:27:55,380 --> 00:27:58,380

that's walking around the desert with a willow stick

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00:27:58,380 --> 00:28:01,700

or a peach branch and dousing for water

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00:28:01,700 --> 00:28:03,580

or the guy that's walking around the crust of the earth

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00:28:03,580 --> 00:28:07,700

with a turquoise bead on a gold chain, witching for water.

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00:28:07,740 --> 00:28:09,580

I've known Wally for about 15 years

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and actually have worked professionally with him

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starting about 10 years ago.

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Wally is one of the true scientist problem solvers

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that you can run into.

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He's the type of guy that doesn't run to the textbook

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to pull out the equation to solve the problem.

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He takes Newton's equations and he

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derives what he needs out of them to solve the problem.

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So he's a true scientist.

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You know, I'd like it to be true.

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I mean, I don't think you'll find anybody in Nevada

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that wants to find water resources like Wally has described.

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But you have to be practical at the same time.

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And the way to be practical is just simple questions.

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Wally, what have you found with that technology?

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And the second thing is, let me see it.

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When we return, one of your tips

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leads to the arrest of a murder suspect.

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The Last Night.

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October 8, 1988, Los Angeles, California.

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Four friends climbed on their motorcycles

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to cruise the nearly deserted streets.

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It was a frequent weekend ritual.

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26-year-old Lee Selwyn, a popular local DJ,

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always looked forward to the freewheeling late night rides.

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But this night would be different.

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One of the cyclists became involved in an argument

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because he believed a vehicle was trying to run him down.

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What are you doing?

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What are you trying to do?

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00:29:54,900 --> 00:29:55,900

Huh?

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00:29:55,900 --> 00:29:56,900

What?

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00:29:56,900 --> 00:29:57,900

What?

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You want to kill me?

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You want to kill me?

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When the driver spit in the face of Lee's friend,

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the altercation turned ugly.

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The four riders scattered.

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Although Lee Selwyn had been a completely innocent bystander,

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he became the target.

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The chase went on.

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For nearly 30 city blocks, it speeds of up to 100 miles an hour.

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The chase went on.

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Lee Selwyn was thrown 180 feet and suffered a massive skull

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fracture.

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He was rushed to the hospital but died within hours.

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I received a call from the cedars.

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They said that he was in intensive care.

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I knew.

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I just knew.

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But I don't believe it yet.

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00:31:02,860 --> 00:31:05,860

It's real, but it isn't real.

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He was such a big part of my life.

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He was my buddy.

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He wasn't just my son.

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He was my buddy.

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The Los Angeles police began a city-wide manhunt,

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but Lee Selwyn's killer had skipped town.

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Incredibly, four years went by before police finally

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got the tip they'd been waiting for.

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After a recent rebroadcast of the story,

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a viewer called our phone center and told one of the operators

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that there was a man in prison in Georgia who had often bragged

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about running down a biker in Los Angeles.

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The Los Angeles police obtained a mugshot of the suspect.

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Lee's friends picked the man out of a photo lineup.

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His name is Franklin LeGrand-Burkins.

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On July 30, 1993, just five days before Perkins

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was scheduled for parole, he was arrested.

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One week later, he was brought back to Los Angeles

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by Detective Dan Andrew.

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Most murder victims know their attackers, know their killers.

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But this is a case that just wasn't that way.

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This was a random event of a person who was basically

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minding his own business and unfortunately,

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was in the wrong place at the wrong time.

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I think it's very unusual to identify somebody

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and be able to solve a case after five years.

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It's a very good feeling.

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Except for the most important fact,

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which is nothing can ever bring Lee back,

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I hope this will bring some closure to this five years

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of uncertainty and the pain that goes along with it.

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Finally, justice can be served.

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And also, I'm grateful that this man is not out there

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committing other crimes and hurting other people

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and killing other people's loved ones.

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One portion of the grief will be closed or dealt with.

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And I know that when I'm driving on the streets,

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I won't be looking in other cars.

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Wondering if that might be the guy.

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Next, a young boy is lost to his family

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in the aftermath of World War II.

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Plymouth, England, 1952.

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Even though seven years have passed since the end of World War II,

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this British port city is still surrounded by refugee camps

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for families displaced by the ravages of war in Eastern Europe.

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Helena and Napoleony Karowski, a Polish couple,

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are sending their son Christopher off to America

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with another family.

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The tearful farewell would prove sadly prophetic.

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Though Christopher Karowski was only five years old,

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he would never see his parents again.

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For Helena Karowski, the loss of her son

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was a heavy blow in a life already marred by tragedy.

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In 1928, Helena had married a dashing infantry officer

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in the Polish Army.

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After the Nazis invaded in 1939, he was executed.

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Helena was taken prisoner and forced to serve as a nurse

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in a German prisoner of war camp for six harrowing years.

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Shortly before the end of the war,

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a German officer helped Helena escape.

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Alone, she crossed the border to Austria,

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then occupied by the Allies.

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It was a dramatic story,

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which Helena would tell her daughter Michelle time and time again.

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My mother was walking down the road,

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and then here comes this Polish Red Cross Army truck,

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and all of a sudden, the truck stops.

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Would you like a ride to the town?

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You look very tired.

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00:35:31,860 --> 00:35:33,860

Yeah, yeah.

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

I helped her.

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She decided that she would let this man help her,

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and he took her to where all the Polish people were,

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00:35:42,860 --> 00:35:45,860

looked after her, did things for her

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00:35:45,860 --> 00:35:49,860

that nobody had done for her since the war had been going on.

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00:35:49,860 --> 00:35:51,860

Now you're right.

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Her heart was beginning to come alive again,

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00:35:54,860 --> 00:35:57,860

something it hadn't done since the war had happened.

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I am a Polona.

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Helena.

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And he asked her to marry him, and so she said yes.

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Helena began a new life with a Polonary Kourowski.

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They stayed on in Austria even after the war was over.

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In October of 1946, they adopted an infant and named him Christopher.

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Within a month, the Kourowskis joined thousands of war survivors

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flooding into England and into refugee camps.

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A Polonary found work as a mechanic.

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In 1950, Michelle was born.

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Christopher finally had a sister to play with.

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My only memory of Christopher is a real happy memory.

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He would run around me, hide behind me,

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00:36:50,860 --> 00:36:53,860

and all of a sudden he'd come around to the front and he'd go,

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00:36:53,860 --> 00:36:57,860

boo! And I'd laugh and I'd laugh, and I can still remember to this day

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00:36:57,860 --> 00:37:01,860

the giggles. The giggles I was giggling so hard.

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00:37:01,860 --> 00:37:04,860

It felt so good, so good.

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00:37:04,860 --> 00:37:07,860

Next, please.

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00:37:07,860 --> 00:37:11,860

Like so many other refugees, Helena and the Polonary

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00:37:11,860 --> 00:37:14,860

dreamed of a better life for themselves and their children.

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00:37:14,860 --> 00:37:17,860

Take a seat. Thank you.

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00:37:17,860 --> 00:37:20,860

How can I help you?

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00:37:20,860 --> 00:37:23,860

We want to go to America to make a visa.

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Just to tell you? No, no. We have also two children.

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As it turned out, the Kourowskis would wait months for permission to emigrate.

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We will try.

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Another Polish family living in the camp had better luck.

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Oh, young, come, right.

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00:37:40,860 --> 00:37:44,860

Good afternoon, Helena, Polonary. Listen, I have news for you.

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Today I got the visa. Now we will be going to America!

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00:37:47,860 --> 00:37:50,860

We're going to America? Duck!

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00:37:50,860 --> 00:37:53,860

Congratulations, my friend.

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We'll have a toast for you.

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00:37:56,860 --> 00:37:59,860

When do we get to go to America?

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00:37:59,860 --> 00:38:02,860

Christopher, you must be patient. We will go soon.

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00:38:02,860 --> 00:38:05,860

You want to go to America too, huh?

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00:38:05,860 --> 00:38:10,860

I have an idea. Why don't you let me Christopher come with me and my family to America?

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00:38:10,860 --> 00:38:13,860

He will play with my children and he will go to school

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00:38:13,860 --> 00:38:16,860

and soon you will be going to America yourselves.

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I don't want you to get sick, huh?

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The decision was made.

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Christopher would go on before the rest of his family

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00:38:24,860 --> 00:38:27,860

so he could start first grade in the United States.

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00:38:27,860 --> 00:38:29,860

I'll miss you, Mama.

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00:38:29,860 --> 00:38:31,860

I'll miss you too, Christopher.

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00:38:31,860 --> 00:38:34,860

My mother didn't really want to send him with somebody else.

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

But my father kept saying, you know, education.

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00:38:38,860 --> 00:38:41,860

Education. He's going to get a good education.

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00:38:41,860 --> 00:38:44,860

He's going to be able to start school.

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00:38:44,860 --> 00:38:47,860

So it was easier for him.

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00:38:47,860 --> 00:38:52,860

But my mother, I guess, being a woman, it just tore at her heart.

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00:38:56,860 --> 00:38:59,860

Oh, Paula, sit down.

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00:38:59,860 --> 00:39:01,860

Weeks went by.

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00:39:01,860 --> 00:39:05,860

Helena and the Polonary continued to wait for their visas.

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They talked of little else but America,

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00:39:07,860 --> 00:39:10,860

and outlandish rumors about life in that unknown land

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00:39:10,860 --> 00:39:12,860

circulated throughout the camp.

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I don't want to worry you, but you know,

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00:39:14,860 --> 00:39:16,860

I got this letter from my friend.

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00:39:16,860 --> 00:39:18,860

She went to America.

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00:39:18,860 --> 00:39:21,860

Well, she says that in California,

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00:39:21,860 --> 00:39:26,860

if you leave your baby outside, it could get kidnapped.

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Kidnapped?

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By monkeys.

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No.

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Did you hear this?

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Mother got scared.

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00:39:37,860 --> 00:39:41,860

She had gone through so much during the war,

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00:39:41,860 --> 00:39:45,860

and the things that she had seen had made her so scared

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00:39:45,860 --> 00:39:49,860

that this was another unknown to her,

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00:39:49,860 --> 00:39:52,860

and she didn't know whether she could really make it.

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00:39:54,860 --> 00:39:58,860

In the end, Helena and the Polonary made the agonizing decision

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00:39:58,860 --> 00:40:01,860

to withdraw their visa application.

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00:40:01,860 --> 00:40:04,860

They wrote to the family who had taken Christopher,

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00:40:04,860 --> 00:40:07,860

asking them to send him back to England.

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00:40:07,860 --> 00:40:09,860

Helena, Helena!

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00:40:09,860 --> 00:40:11,860

I've received a letter from America.

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00:40:11,860 --> 00:40:14,860

Yes, they don't send Christopher back.

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00:40:14,860 --> 00:40:17,860

They don't send Christopher back.

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00:40:17,860 --> 00:40:21,860

My parents got a letter back from the family in the United States

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00:40:21,860 --> 00:40:25,860

saying that Christopher had already settled in school,

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00:40:25,860 --> 00:40:28,860

had made friends, and they weren't going to send him back.

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I'm sorry to interrupt you.

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00:40:29,860 --> 00:40:30,860

I have a very big problem.

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00:40:30,860 --> 00:40:32,860

The camp awaits.

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00:40:32,860 --> 00:40:34,860

Helena and the Polonary immediately went

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00:40:34,860 --> 00:40:36,860

to the refugee camp's Polish consul.

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They cannot do this to us.

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00:40:38,860 --> 00:40:41,860

He was sympathetic, but all of Christopher's adoption records

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00:40:41,860 --> 00:40:45,860

had gone to the United States, making it nearly impossible

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00:40:45,860 --> 00:40:48,860

to bring the boy back.

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00:40:48,860 --> 00:40:50,860

The Kourowskis eventually left the camp

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00:40:50,860 --> 00:40:52,860

and settled near Nottingham.

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They continued to write to the family

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00:40:54,860 --> 00:40:57,860

who had taken Christopher, but received no response.

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00:40:58,860 --> 00:41:01,860

In 1966, when Michelle turned 16,

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00:41:01,860 --> 00:41:05,860

she decided it was time to find her brother.

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00:41:05,860 --> 00:41:07,860

It was hard to look for him.

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00:41:07,860 --> 00:41:09,860

I really didn't know where to start,

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00:41:09,860 --> 00:41:12,860

so I had to ask people where to look.

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00:41:12,860 --> 00:41:16,860

And one person told me to write to the American Embassy

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00:41:16,860 --> 00:41:19,860

and then put a letter inside there for Christopher

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00:41:19,860 --> 00:41:22,860

just in case they found Christopher.

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00:41:22,860 --> 00:41:26,860

And that's what I did.

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00:41:26,860 --> 00:41:30,860

Two months later, Michelle received a reply.

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Mama!

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00:41:32,860 --> 00:41:34,860

Mama!

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00:41:34,860 --> 00:41:36,860

I never thought in a million years

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00:41:36,860 --> 00:41:39,860

that I would actually find him.

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00:41:39,860 --> 00:41:41,860

I was jumping up and down.

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00:41:41,860 --> 00:41:43,860

I was running around.

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00:41:43,860 --> 00:41:45,860

It was one of the happiest moments of my life.

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00:41:45,860 --> 00:41:51,860

Okay, he says he's in the army in Vietnam.

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00:41:51,860 --> 00:41:55,860

And he's changed his name to...

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00:41:55,860 --> 00:41:57,860

He's changed his name to Stan Smith.

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Smith? Yeah?

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00:41:58,860 --> 00:41:59,860

Yeah.

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00:41:59,860 --> 00:42:00,860

I wrote back right away,

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00:42:00,860 --> 00:42:02,860

but I didn't get an answer.

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00:42:02,860 --> 00:42:05,860

I waited and I waited.

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00:42:05,860 --> 00:42:07,860

Checked the postman.

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00:42:07,860 --> 00:42:09,860

Always stopped the postman.

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00:42:09,860 --> 00:42:11,860

Asked him if he had any letters for me

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00:42:11,860 --> 00:42:13,860

that were coming from America.

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00:42:13,860 --> 00:42:14,860

Nothing.

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00:42:14,860 --> 00:42:15,860

I didn't get anything back.

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00:42:15,860 --> 00:42:16,860

No letter.

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00:42:16,860 --> 00:42:17,860

Returned to sender.

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00:42:17,860 --> 00:42:20,860

Nothing.

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00:42:20,860 --> 00:42:24,860

The Karowski's were crushed by the lack of further news.

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00:42:24,860 --> 00:42:28,860

In 1973, Michelle moved to the United States.

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After a pulmonary die,

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Helena finally came to America herself.

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Last April, she passed away.

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Helena's dying wish was that her children

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would someday be reunited.

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raising this■

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in the yeti land of America.

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Until next year.

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Join me next time