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This program is about unsolved mysteries.

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Whenever possible, the actual family members and police

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officials have participated in recreating the events.

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

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Tonight on Unsolved Mysteries, in honor of Halloween,

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meet a family with an extraordinary tale

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to tell about a haunted house and an uninvited otherworldly

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guest.

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In 1992, Agawam, Massachusetts, was

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shocked by the brutal murder of a popular school teacher.

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Her students, her parents, and the entire town

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are determined to bring her killer to justice.

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During the tumultuous days of the London Blitz,

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two schoolgirls, A. Dean Murphy and Eve Maisel,

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forged a heartfelt friendship.

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But as a teenager, A. Dean moved to America,

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and now she needs your help.

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Join me.

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Perhaps you may be able to help solve a mystery.

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If you happen to be in Lake Wales, Florida, on Halloween night,

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or any night for that matter, there's a house

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you might want to avoid.

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It's a very ordinary looking house.

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But as you probably suspect, appearance is deceived.

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In the fall of 1991, 19-year-old Alan Mann

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lived in the house with his parents.

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He was a very old man.

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lived in the house with his parents.

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Alan worked nights, and during the day,

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he was often home alone, or so he thought.

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I had the afternoon off.

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I'd come home.

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And I guess it was about 3 o'clock in the afternoon,

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00:02:38,660 --> 00:02:40,140

and I'd finally gotten some sleep.

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00:02:45,140 --> 00:02:46,140

Alan.

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00:02:47,140 --> 00:02:48,140

Alan.

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00:02:57,140 --> 00:02:58,140

Wake up, Alan.

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00:03:01,140 --> 00:03:02,140

Alan, get up.

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00:03:10,140 --> 00:03:15,140

The figure turned away from the door like it was leaving.

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00:03:15,140 --> 00:03:20,140

And by the time I got up and walked three paces to the door,

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I don't know what happened.

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It just turned to corn and disappeared.

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When Alan Mann of Lake Wales, Florida,

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began claiming that he had a ghost in his bedroom,

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his parents poo-pooed the idea that their house was haunted.

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That was that, until Alan got married,

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and his 16-year-old bride, Linda, moved into the house.

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Shortly after the wedding, Alan's mother Sandra was watching TV

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with her new daughter-in-law.

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Sandra, the skeptic, was about to change her tune.

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I don't know why I watch these videos.

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I had my little dog, Prince, beside me.

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And he was laying on a pillow.

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Yeah.

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And I looked down at the end of the couch,

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00:04:08,940 --> 00:04:12,940

and I saw this white, smoky thing.

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And the first thing I thought was fire,

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00:04:17,940 --> 00:04:19,940

and by that time the dog had gotten up on his feet,

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00:04:19,940 --> 00:04:21,940

and it just disappeared.

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Err!

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00:04:24,940 --> 00:04:25,940

Err!

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You know, when Prince came back, I said,

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00:04:28,940 --> 00:04:31,940

Oh, Prince, you know, we've got company.

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00:04:31,940 --> 00:04:34,940

You know, and this is when Linda snapped around,

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and, you know, you know, like, what's going on?

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So you're ready to ask it?

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00:04:39,940 --> 00:04:40,940

Yeah.

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00:04:40,940 --> 00:04:41,940

Yes.

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Is there a spirit present?

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Even though Alan's bride, Linda,

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00:04:44,940 --> 00:04:45,940

hadn't seen the apparition,

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00:04:45,940 --> 00:04:48,940

she was convinced the house was haunted.

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Determined to get the scoop,

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Linda and Alan enlisted a friend with a Ouija board.

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Is it a matter of a woman?

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The board talked real good with me.

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W.

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00:05:02,940 --> 00:05:03,940

Oh, it's a woman.

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It's a woman.

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I believed in it.

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I've just, I've believed in that kind of stuff for a while,

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but I never come across it until then.

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What's your name?

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According to Linda and Alan,

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the board spelled out the name Kramer.

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That was all the proof they needed.

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They had a ghost, and her name was Kramer.

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Alan's father, David, was having none of it.

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I thought I was living with a bunch of flakes.

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I really didn't want to be involved in it.

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I just kind of sloughed it off and didn't bother with it.

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And I just, I didn't want to have anything to do with it.

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If it was a, if it was a prank,

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

I wouldn't have to deal with it.

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If it was a, if it was a paranormal experience or something like that,

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I didn't want to have to worry about it.

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I just didn't want to admit it.

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Look, Linda, this is a baseball game on Channel 9.

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Linda and Alan knew there was a ghost.

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They didn't know she had an ambush planned.

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00:05:59,940 --> 00:06:01,940

Okay, fine.

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00:06:06,940 --> 00:06:08,940

Are you okay?

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00:06:10,940 --> 00:06:11,940

What?

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00:06:12,940 --> 00:06:14,940

She just snapped.

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00:06:14,940 --> 00:06:16,940

Hi, honey.

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00:06:16,940 --> 00:06:18,940

And she got this weird look.

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00:06:18,940 --> 00:06:20,940

What? What has gotten you so...

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She pretty much attacked me.

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00:06:26,940 --> 00:06:28,940

What is with you tonight?

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00:06:28,940 --> 00:06:30,940

She was laughing. She had some weird laugh I had never heard.

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00:06:30,940 --> 00:06:32,940

You know, it didn't even sound like her.

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00:06:32,940 --> 00:06:35,940

She has this squeaky little giggle.

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And this was a, almost an evil laugh.

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00:06:42,940 --> 00:06:45,940

Aren't they a little more acting than evil?

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00:06:48,940 --> 00:06:50,940

It's a power.

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00:06:53,940 --> 00:06:55,940

Is that what...

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00:06:55,940 --> 00:06:57,940

We remarked a few times, you know,

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00:06:57,940 --> 00:07:01,940

what's going on and it just kept getting louder and louder and louder.

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There's something wrong with her.

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What do you do? I don't like the sound of this.

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00:07:08,940 --> 00:07:11,940

Linda! Let go of my wrist, Linda!

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00:07:11,940 --> 00:07:13,940

She was holding me down.

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00:07:13,940 --> 00:07:17,940

And normally she can't hold one hand down with both her arms.

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00:07:17,940 --> 00:07:19,940

Linda, what has gotten into you?

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00:07:19,940 --> 00:07:24,940

I tried to get away and it made her get more violent.

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00:07:24,940 --> 00:07:29,940

And she started putting more force on my arms.

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00:07:30,940 --> 00:07:32,940

So I pushed against her.

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Tell me!

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00:07:34,940 --> 00:07:37,940

And I said it against the wall three times.

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And she released me.

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00:07:40,940 --> 00:07:42,940

Linda.

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00:07:43,940 --> 00:07:45,940

No.

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00:07:47,940 --> 00:07:49,940

What?

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00:07:49,940 --> 00:07:53,940

And she put her head on my shoulder again

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00:07:53,940 --> 00:07:56,940

and started talking

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00:07:56,940 --> 00:07:59,940

and picked up the conversation exactly where she left off

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00:07:59,940 --> 00:08:01,940

before she snapped.

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00:08:01,940 --> 00:08:05,940

I don't have any memory of what happened.

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00:08:05,940 --> 00:08:08,940

That's not me. I don't have an evil laugh.

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00:08:08,940 --> 00:08:10,940

I don't do the things that he says I do.

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00:08:10,940 --> 00:08:13,940

That's just not my type. I'm not that type of person.

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I just don't remember.

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Suddenly the innocuous ghost had taken on a whole new personality

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difficult to ignore.

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Even David Mann sat up and took notice.

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00:08:26,940 --> 00:08:30,940

The possibilities in my mind were endless as to what might be able to happen.

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And I really got concerned.

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00:08:32,940 --> 00:08:34,940

And so at that point I said, look, I'm going to go get some help.

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00:08:34,940 --> 00:08:37,940

Somebody somewhere can tell me what the heck is going on.

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00:08:38,940 --> 00:08:41,940

How's that? I think this is going to be all right.

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00:08:41,940 --> 00:08:45,940

A spiritualist told the man to pour salt all around the house.

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A number of snails were sacrificed, but the ghost stayed on.

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The man's kept bags of salt under their beds

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and even tried a homegrown exorcism.

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00:09:02,940 --> 00:09:06,940

We were going to do anything anybody told us to get rid of this stuff.

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And if you can't get rid of this stuff,

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

we will give you a little bit of a lesson.

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

And we will give you a lesson.

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00:09:13,940 --> 00:09:16,940

And we will give you some advice to stay on a daily basis.

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00:09:16,940 --> 00:09:19,940

And forgive us our trespasses.

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It did work for a few days.

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00:09:21,940 --> 00:09:26,940

It did things calm down, but after that everything came back stronger than ever.

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00:09:26,940 --> 00:09:31,940

Every time we tried something, a couple days it would settle down

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00:09:31,940 --> 00:09:33,940

and then it would be stronger.

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00:09:33,940 --> 00:09:38,940

At times like a burned out motor, all four of the man suffered from bad headaches.

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Some of the rooms took on a deathly chill.

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And then there were the voices.

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00:09:47,940 --> 00:09:51,940

What we heard was like a whole mass of voices,

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00:09:51,940 --> 00:09:55,940

dull, muttering, couldn't understand a thing.

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00:09:55,940 --> 00:09:58,940

And one woman voice over the top of them.

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00:09:58,940 --> 00:10:02,940

But yet you could not distinguish anything they were saying.

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00:10:04,940 --> 00:10:06,940

What time is it?

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9.30.

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David and Sandra tried to act blasé,

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00:10:09,940 --> 00:10:13,940

but the ghost wasn't about to let them off the hook.

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00:10:13,940 --> 00:10:15,940

Okay.

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00:10:15,940 --> 00:10:17,940

I stopped right in the middle of the hall.

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00:10:17,940 --> 00:10:19,940

I caught the smell again.

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00:10:19,940 --> 00:10:22,940

Sandra tell Isabella to leave me alone.

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00:10:22,940 --> 00:10:24,940

I do not want to have anything to do with her.

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00:10:24,940 --> 00:10:25,940

Nothing.

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00:10:25,940 --> 00:10:29,940

I am sick and tired of the smells, the voices, the bells, the noises.

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00:10:29,940 --> 00:10:33,940

David, David, how do you know her name is Isabella?

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00:10:33,940 --> 00:10:34,940

Isabella.

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00:10:34,940 --> 00:10:37,940

And I didn't have any explanation for her.

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00:10:37,940 --> 00:10:39,940

It's like you get an idea.

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00:10:39,940 --> 00:10:42,940

Little voice inside your head like your conscience or whatever it is,

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00:10:42,940 --> 00:10:44,940

that little voice that you listen to.

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00:10:44,940 --> 00:10:47,940

And it tells you to do right and wrong.

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00:10:47,940 --> 00:10:50,940

It said, you know, this is Isabella.

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00:10:50,940 --> 00:10:51,940

Honey.

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00:10:51,940 --> 00:10:55,940

David and his family consulted a parapsychologist.

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00:10:55,940 --> 00:10:57,940

He introduced them to a psychic.

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00:10:57,940 --> 00:10:58,940

Joshua, this is David.

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00:10:58,940 --> 00:10:59,940

Nice to meet you.

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00:10:59,940 --> 00:11:00,940

Nice to meet you, David.

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00:11:00,940 --> 00:11:03,940

I've just been talking with your family here for a while.

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00:11:03,940 --> 00:11:07,940

I get the sense that the name of the spirit in your house is Isabella.

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00:11:07,940 --> 00:11:09,940

Did you talk to me about that?

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00:11:09,940 --> 00:11:10,940

No.

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00:11:10,940 --> 00:11:13,940

And I was taking it back and I would really surprise me.

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00:11:13,940 --> 00:11:15,940

And I said, Joshua, there's no way that you could know

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00:11:15,940 --> 00:11:18,940

that the woman in my house is Isabella.

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00:11:18,940 --> 00:11:20,940

There is just no way.

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00:11:20,940 --> 00:11:22,940

Because there's only two people in the world at this time

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00:11:22,940 --> 00:11:25,940

that know that name, and that's Sandra and I.

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00:11:25,940 --> 00:11:27,940

And we haven't known it that long.

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00:11:27,940 --> 00:11:30,940

I've worked with hundreds of psychics and been around them

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00:11:30,940 --> 00:11:32,940

and I know what a psychic is.

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00:11:32,940 --> 00:11:36,940

And this thing really astounded me to see him come up with

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00:11:36,940 --> 00:11:38,940

a name of that nature.

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00:11:38,940 --> 00:11:41,940

I was very impressed with it.

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00:11:41,940 --> 00:11:44,940

Can you come up with a last name?

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00:11:44,940 --> 00:11:47,940

Um, I see the name Kramer.

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00:11:47,940 --> 00:11:49,940

Isabella Kramer.

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00:11:49,940 --> 00:11:51,940

At that point, a light bulb goes off in my head

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00:11:51,940 --> 00:11:53,940

because I says, in my paperwork at home,

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00:11:53,940 --> 00:11:56,940

I got that name Kramer written down.

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It came from the Ouija board.

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The man's were spooked, especially Linda.

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00:12:02,940 --> 00:12:06,940

She and Allen decided it was high time to get up.

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00:12:06,940 --> 00:12:07,940

You said that a hundred times.

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00:12:07,940 --> 00:12:09,940

Just finish back and we'll be gone.

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00:12:09,940 --> 00:12:10,940

Are you almost done over there?

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00:12:10,940 --> 00:12:11,940

Not yet.

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00:12:11,940 --> 00:12:16,940

We had a couple of boxes left and she was defaming the ghost.

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00:12:16,940 --> 00:12:18,940

It's causing it pretty bad.

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00:12:18,940 --> 00:12:19,940

Ah!

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00:12:23,940 --> 00:12:28,940

Evidently she upset it because right in the mid-sentence

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00:12:28,940 --> 00:12:32,940

of cussing the ghost, the light bulb exploded.

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00:12:32,940 --> 00:12:37,940

It lasted maybe half a minute or so.

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00:12:37,940 --> 00:12:40,940

Then the bulb just fizzed out and died.

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00:12:49,940 --> 00:12:52,940

I upset the ghost.

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00:12:52,940 --> 00:12:54,940

Very bad.

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00:12:54,940 --> 00:12:56,940

She made me mad.

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00:12:56,940 --> 00:12:58,940

I went through a lot when I lived there

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

and I just wanted to get out.

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

No one tell her how I felt about it before I left one last time.

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Before long, word of the man's plight reached the center

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for paranormal studies in Silver Springs, Florida.

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Armed with a trunk load of electronic equipment,

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the center's three founders showed up at the man's house

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on September 19, 1992.

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This is the living room area where Sandra had her experience.

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Right, this is where I had the apparition experience.

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00:13:26,940 --> 00:13:31,940

As we drove up to the house, I felt sort of an emptiness inside.

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00:13:31,940 --> 00:13:35,940

And as I went into the house, the air seemed to get thicker

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00:13:35,940 --> 00:13:39,940

and it had an odor and it was uncomfortable.

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00:13:39,940 --> 00:13:42,940

To me, the house, just looking at it,

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00:13:42,940 --> 00:13:47,940

it had a presence that was profoundly unpleasant.

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00:13:47,940 --> 00:13:50,940

An extremely foul smell.

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00:13:50,940 --> 00:13:55,940

I described it in my notes as kind of like rotting flesh.

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00:13:55,940 --> 00:13:58,940

Things have happened all over the house, but particularly Alan's...

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00:13:58,940 --> 00:14:02,940

It definitely had an oppressive ambiance to it.

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00:14:02,940 --> 00:14:05,940

Almost a depressive type of feeling.

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00:14:05,940 --> 00:14:07,940

After being in the house for several hours,

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00:14:07,940 --> 00:14:10,940

we all began to experience headaches.

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00:14:10,940 --> 00:14:12,940

Northeast corner of the house, bedroom B.

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00:14:12,940 --> 00:14:14,940

In Linda and Alan's old bedroom,

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the electromagnetic equipment went haywire

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as if there had been a power surge of some sort.

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Getting some magnetic flux here, it's off the scale.

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You don't normally see this fluctuation.

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It was very, very high.

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So I thought it would be a good idea to start taking a series

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of photographs at that point.

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Andrew Nichols took two Polaroid shots, one during and one after,

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the electromagnetic flux.

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The second photograph was normal, not so the first.

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I thought it was just a washed out photo,

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but over the subsequent minutes, this image started forming.

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There was a vague humanoid shape in the forefront of the picture.

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It may be a reflection of some unusual environmental effect.

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It may be a strange artifact of the human psyche,

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or it may be a contact with a dimension of existence

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that's beyond our imagination.

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When I looked at it, I knew that that was what I had seen

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at the end of the couch, that that was Isabella.

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And I was real excited about it,

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to see that somebody else could see her too.

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Two months later, after a visit from a local minister,

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the hauntings appeared to stop, but the man's had had enough.

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David and Sandra, like Alan and Linda before them,

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felt that all things considered, they would rather be elsewhere.

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Everybody that has come in contact with this house

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have told us that what they do may or may not be permanent.

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They don't know. Nobody knows.

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And I felt that as a result of what we had done,

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we might have slowed it down,

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but I doubt very seriously if we had stopped it.

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Was the house in Lake Wales haunted

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by the spirit of someone named Isabella Cramer?

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Although there are no records of such a person

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ever lived in the area, the man's have all the proof they need.

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In March of 1993, this photograph,

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taken in Alan Man's old bedroom,

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was sent to Polaroid headquarters in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

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Analysts there said the shape and the foreground

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had not been caused by a defect in the film or in the camera.

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Could it be the ghostly image of Isabella Cramer?

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Not surprisingly, the experts have yet to provide an answer.

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Next, a woman searches for the childhood friend

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who helped her survive the horrors of World War II.

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World War II,

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the treacherous seas of the North Atlantic

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off the coast of England.

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Hundreds of ships were attacked and sunk by German U-Bots.

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Thousands lost their lives,

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and for every man killed,

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a family was shattered and changed forever.

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That was the case for

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Merchant Marine William Murphy.

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In December of 1941,

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Murphy was aboard a supply ship when it was torpedoed.

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He left behind a wife, a son, and three daughters.

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Within a month of her husband's death,

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Morna Murphy placed her son in a foster home

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and took her three daughters to an orphanage

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on the outskirts of London,

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St. Helen's Convent of Mercy.

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Hello, Mrs. Murphy. Hello.

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This is Aideen.

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And this is Filomena.

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And this is Morna.

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Girls, just in time to join us.

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Come along.

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For Aideen, the oldest of the Murphy children,

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the pain of saying goodbye was a special one.

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The first time she was in a nursing home

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was when she was a child.

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She was a nurse.

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The pain of saying goodbye was especially difficult.

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Don't fret, love. I'll see you on Sunday.

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When my mother left, I just felt devastated,

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like suddenly the whole world had disappeared

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and left me in some strange place that I didn't belong in.

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And that was the feeling I always had

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that I don't belong here. I'm not an orphan.

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Conditions in the orphanage reflected

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the bleak reality of wartime England.

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There was little food, inadequate heating,

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and a strict code of rules.

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The sisters were very harsh.

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They had a lot of little girls to take care of,

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so that you really didn't get any attention,

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except when you did something wrong,

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then you'd get a crack over the head

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or a hit in the backside or something.

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I especially remember at night,

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we'd lie in, we had a dormitory with rows of beds,

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and I'd just lie there and I would feel these little tears

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going down my face.

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And I didn't know why I was crying.

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Aideen felt terribly lonely.

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The isolation was almost unbearable

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until another new girl arrived at the convent.

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Hello.

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Hello.

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Can I play?

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All right.

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Eve Meisel came from a prominent Jewish family in Austria.

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Her father, a musician, had been captured by the Nazis.

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Like millions of others,

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he was sent to a concentration camp

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where he would eventually die.

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Eve's mother had managed to escape to London,

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but she lacked the means to support a family

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and Eve was sent to the orphanage.

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Her arrival would change Aideen's life.

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I'm not very good.

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The first thing I noticed about her was that she was in English,

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and she looked different, you know, to me she looked different.

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You know, she had very dark hair and dark eyes,

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and she was very bubbly and very funny.

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And she always had jokes about everything.

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We'd make jokes about the nuns,

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and we'd just sort of hung out together.

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The London Blitz was still in full force.

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Every night, for months on end,

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the German Air Force bombarded the city,

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reducing much of it to rubble.

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Come along. Let's go.

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Most evenings would be pierced by the shrill sounds of air raid sirens.

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The girls in the orphanage were hustled into a downslash

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shelter to listen and wait.

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It was just terrifying, but she just lived with it day in, day out.

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And I think one of the most terrifying things for both Eve and I

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was that we did not know from one week to another if our mothers were OK.

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We believed that we would live through the bombing,

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that at the same time we expected to die, you know,

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when you go to sleep at night, the nuns would say,

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make sure you say an act of contrition,

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because you may be dead in the morning, you see.

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But of course Eve wouldn't say that, because she's Jewish.

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She doesn't say acts of contrition,

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she just considered that total nonsense.

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And I wondered how she, sometimes how she found the strength

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without that to keep going and not be afraid.

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Aideen and Eve became practically inseparable.

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They made an unwritten pact that they would survive the war together.

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Check with me in New York after you're out.

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They also shared a common dream, to one day

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cross the ocean to live in America.

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Quite a layout, Bentley, but you've only been out a week.

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Eve and I didn't have a concept of what America actually was at first,

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other than a place where everybody was happy and there wasn't any war,

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and everybody had enough to eat.

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And that's the place where we're going to go.

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Even I think we'll grow up.

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Now, on you boys.

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As the war dragged on, Aideen and Eve grew from little girls into young women.

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When the conflict finally ended, they returned to their families,

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but remained as close as ever.

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They attended the same high school and took the same classes.

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By the time they graduated, Aideen and Eve had spent half their lives together.

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Shortly after graduation, Aideen's childhood dream came true.

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Relatives offered to pay her way to America.

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I'm leaving tomorrow.

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I told Eve about it and she was very abrupt, almost not,

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oh that's great or anything, she sort of pulled back,

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not like her usual self.

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You have a fabulous time.

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00:23:26,940 --> 00:23:29,940

I'll write you, I'll tell you what it's like.

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00:23:30,940 --> 00:23:32,940

Just be here or so and then you'll be there.

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00:23:32,940 --> 00:23:35,940

Oh yeah, what will be long?

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I was young, I was like 17, so I didn't understand how hurt she was.

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00:23:40,940 --> 00:23:42,940

Bye bye Aideen.

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00:23:42,940 --> 00:23:44,940

Bye bye.

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00:23:44,940 --> 00:23:46,940

Because we had planned to go together.

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00:23:46,940 --> 00:23:49,940

Be safe. You too.

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No.

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00:23:58,940 --> 00:24:02,940

And I didn't understand too well myself at the time

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00:24:02,940 --> 00:24:05,940

because I was so excited just to be going.

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And I never thought of it as final,

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00:24:08,940 --> 00:24:10,940

I never thought that would be the last time I'd see her

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00:24:10,940 --> 00:24:13,940

because we've been so close for so long.

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Life in America was everything Aideen had hoped for.

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She and Eve exchanged monthly letters for more than a year.

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Both of them fell in love and married.

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However in the end, time and distance pulled the two friends apart

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but Aideen never forgot.

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Aideen hopes that she and her long lost friend

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00:24:36,940 --> 00:24:39,940

will one day be reunited here in America,

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the land they dreamed of so many years ago.

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Step with me in New York after you're out.

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00:24:44,940 --> 00:24:47,940

It feels like she's a part of me that I've carried around all these years

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and I just want to see her.

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She's in my dreams all the time.

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I just remember her eyes, the pretty they were,

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00:24:55,940 --> 00:25:00,940

her voice and just as she was there for me,

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00:25:00,940 --> 00:25:03,940

you know, when I needed someone.

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Next, a small town is outraged by the death of a young school teacher.

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Agawam, Massachusetts near the western Connecticut border is a small town,

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and the people who live here like it that way.

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In 1989, Agawam voted overwhelmingly not to be known as a city

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but to remain simply a town,

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a place where neighbors are friends and friends are family.

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At the Agawam Middle School, under a dogwood tree in the courtyard,

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there is a memorial to one of the town's most beloved daughters,

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Lisa Ziegert, whose untimely death changed Agawam forever.

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Lisa was a very special person.

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She was bubbly, outgoing, full of fun.

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The kids, she always had a special rapport.

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00:26:16,940 --> 00:26:23,940

They knew that she really liked them and that she treated them like people.

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00:26:23,940 --> 00:26:27,940

Now this happens to be a model of an apple blossom.

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Lisa Ziegert had grown up in Agawam.

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After college, she returned home to teach special needs students at the middle school.

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The petals would dry up and this would become an apple.

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I think of Lisa as a gifted teacher.

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The gifted teacher is the one into whose eyes a child can walk and see a reflection of value.

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And you can't fake it.

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00:26:49,940 --> 00:26:51,940

You either have it or you don't. It's a gift.

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00:26:51,940 --> 00:26:54,940

And I think Lisa had it.

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00:26:54,940 --> 00:26:57,940

Well, what would you do if it was all black in your house?

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00:26:57,940 --> 00:26:58,940

Turn on the lights.

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00:26:58,940 --> 00:27:01,940

That's a good idea. Is there a light switch there anywhere?

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00:27:01,940 --> 00:27:06,940

If you had a problem, she'd try to help you solve it and she would never yell at you.

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00:27:06,940 --> 00:27:10,940

She would always try to figure out what the problem is in a nice way.

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00:27:10,940 --> 00:27:14,940

If you had a question, she'd answer it.

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She was like the best teacher out of the whole school.

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What are you guys supposed to read for biology? Do you remember?

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On Wednesday, April 15, 1992, Lisa left school around 4.30.

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00:27:28,940 --> 00:27:33,940

She drove directly to a card and gift shop where she worked weekdays from 5 to 9 p.m.

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At 5.30, Lisa's sister dropped by.

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Ann's gonna love that picture.

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00:27:38,940 --> 00:27:39,940

Do you think?

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00:27:39,940 --> 00:27:42,940

Oh yeah, she likes everything you do. Are you gonna frame this one?

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00:27:42,940 --> 00:27:45,940

Lisa was working on a sketch for my best friend, Ann.

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She took this one seriously.

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I know who that is.

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00:27:48,940 --> 00:27:50,940

It was easy talk. It was sister talk.

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00:27:50,940 --> 00:27:51,940

Did she go to the gym tonight?

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00:27:51,940 --> 00:27:52,940

No, I was stuck.

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00:27:52,940 --> 00:27:55,940

It was a little after 6 o'clock when I left.

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00:27:55,940 --> 00:28:01,940

Then I went home and she was fine when I left.

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The next morning at 8.45, Sophia Maynard arrived as usual to open up the store.

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00:28:09,940 --> 00:28:13,940

She was surprised Lisa was there on a school day.

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I saw her car. The lights were on in the store.

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The open flag was out. It was strange.

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00:28:21,940 --> 00:28:23,940

I couldn't imagine why she'd be there.

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00:28:23,940 --> 00:28:26,940

And then I remembered that it was Easter weekend coming up.

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00:28:26,940 --> 00:28:30,940

We had planned to stuff some balloons and that's what she was doing there.

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So I really didn't think much of anything until I walked inside the store, you know.

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00:28:37,940 --> 00:28:39,940

Lisa?

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00:28:39,940 --> 00:28:40,940

Lisa!

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00:28:40,940 --> 00:28:47,940

I called her name a couple of times and she didn't, you know, I figured she'd just pop her head out. She didn't.

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00:28:47,940 --> 00:28:50,940

I came behind the counter. All of her things were there.

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00:28:50,940 --> 00:28:55,940

Her drawings and her pocketbook, her car keys.

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00:28:55,940 --> 00:28:59,940

And then I just kind of freaked out.

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I knew that something was wrong. So I ran out, ran across the street to the restaurant across the street and asked them to call the police.

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00:29:09,940 --> 00:29:11,940

Watch your step in here.

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00:29:11,940 --> 00:29:16,940

Police found signs of a struggle in the back store room and a few scattered traces of blood.

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00:29:16,940 --> 00:29:21,940

Otherwise, there was no physical evidence at the card shop.

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00:29:21,940 --> 00:29:31,940

That very day, the Agawam Police Department, aided by the FBI and the Massachusetts State Police, launched a massive search.

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00:29:31,940 --> 00:29:42,940

You wait to hear something good, but at that point you start feeling that, you know, possibly it isn't going to be a good answer to what's going on.

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00:29:42,940 --> 00:29:52,940

I couldn't let myself believe that everything wasn't going to be okay. That she would be found.

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00:29:52,940 --> 00:30:01,940

And no matter what had happened, that we would be able to have her back.

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00:30:01,940 --> 00:30:09,940

On Easter Sunday, four days after Lisa disappeared, her body was found in a wooded area on the edge of town.

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00:30:09,940 --> 00:30:15,940

She had multiple knife wounds around her shoulders and throat.

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00:30:15,940 --> 00:30:26,940

And later on, an examination by the county medical examiner indicated that she had been sexually assaulted.

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00:30:26,940 --> 00:30:32,940

Never before in the history of Aga Wom had there been such an outpouring of love, such shared grief.

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00:30:32,940 --> 00:30:42,940

At Lisa's Eagerts Wake, more than a thousand people stood for five hours in a spring rain to pay her tribute.

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00:30:42,940 --> 00:30:52,940

It was just beyond anything I ever experienced. It just again showed us what kind of a person Lisa was.

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00:30:52,940 --> 00:30:59,940

We're not a political family or anything, so there would be no reason they would come out for us. It was for her.

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00:30:59,940 --> 00:31:09,940

I miss the way she teaches and the way she was such a friend to everyone.

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00:31:09,940 --> 00:31:15,940

And I wish that there were more people in the world that would like her.

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00:31:15,940 --> 00:31:25,940

As Aga Wom mourned, the authorities pressed their investigation. Three critical phone tips came in, which helped establish a time frame.

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The first call was from a person who had been in the store at 8.20 and had made a purchase and actually had a time stamp receipt.

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00:31:32,940 --> 00:31:35,940

Excuse me? Do you know the price on this?

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00:31:35,940 --> 00:31:37,940

Oh, it should be marked.

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00:31:37,940 --> 00:31:40,940

There was nothing that was unusual. There was nothing that was out of line.

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00:31:40,940 --> 00:31:45,940

Nothing that perked their attention to say that they should call a police.

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00:31:45,940 --> 00:31:46,940

Would you like it wrapped?

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00:31:46,940 --> 00:31:51,940

The second person was a customer of the store who had gone in at 9 o'clock.

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00:31:51,940 --> 00:31:52,940

Is anybody here?

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00:31:52,940 --> 00:31:55,940

She found it open, lights on, but nobody was around.

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00:31:55,940 --> 00:31:58,940

Hello?

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00:31:58,940 --> 00:32:02,940

This person told us that they did hear some noise in the back room.

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00:32:02,940 --> 00:32:04,940

Hello?

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00:32:04,940 --> 00:32:11,940

She described it as a banging noise. She waited a minute and nobody came out, so she left.

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00:32:12,940 --> 00:32:30,940

This suggested to us that Lisa was in the store around 9 o'clock, and in the back room, further investigation revealed that she had been horizontal on the floor, and there were two kick marks from her shoes on the bottom of the door.

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The third tip came from a woman who worked near the card shop. At 9.15 on the night Lisa was murdered, the woman was on her way home.

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00:32:40,940 --> 00:32:59,940

She was stopped at the stop sign at the intersection of Route 75 in Adams Street, and while stopped at that intersection, she observed a Bronco or Blazer type vehicle full size pull off the road into a piece of property that led into the area where Lisa Ziegert's body was found.

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00:32:59,940 --> 00:33:15,940

She said that there was an operator in the front, and in the back seat she believed there was two people, one male and one female, and she saw the person whom she believed to be the female see her head go up and down a couple of times as the vehicle drove off into the woods.

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00:33:18,940 --> 00:33:25,940

At the time, the woman thought it was just a carload of teenagers. She drove on. There have been no further clues.

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00:33:29,940 --> 00:33:39,940

Today the students at Agawam Middle School cherish the memorial, the establishment honor of Lisa Ziegert, who in her own brief life touched so many of their lives.

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00:33:41,940 --> 00:33:57,940

I think children always feel that nothing can happen to them, and when something happens to someone that so many of them knew, it brought it home that life isn't always fair and that you have to be extra careful, and even sometimes when you're extra careful, it doesn't matter.

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00:33:59,940 --> 00:34:12,940

This cannot go unpunished. It can't be something where this person gets away, and the children have got to know this. If it's important for us, it's even more important for them.

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00:34:12,940 --> 00:34:34,940

There is a reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of Lisa Ziegert's killer or killers. Police have taken plaster molds of tire tracks left at the murder scene. The vehicle sighted by the witness was a late model full size Bronco or Blazer, either dark red or dark blue.

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00:34:42,940 --> 00:35:00,940

When we return, a heartwarming reunion, and police need your help to find an unknown gunman.

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00:35:01,940 --> 00:35:20,940

December 7th, 1941. The United States was plunged into World War II. Among the millions of Americans eager to enlist was 30-year-old Harry Young of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

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00:35:20,940 --> 00:35:23,940

I can't stay here while there's a war going on. I need you to sign this paper.

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00:35:24,940 --> 00:35:29,940

Harry, I think it's a terrible idea for you to leave right now. I need you. We all need you.

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00:35:29,940 --> 00:35:35,940

Because he had a family to support, Harry needed his wife's permission in order to enlist.

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00:35:35,940 --> 00:35:38,940

Look, two years. I'll be back. Just sign the paper.

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00:35:38,940 --> 00:35:40,940

No.

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00:35:41,940 --> 00:35:42,940

Laura.

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00:35:42,940 --> 00:36:01,940

Harry Young walked out on his wife, Laura, never to return. He had no idea that she was then pregnant with her second son. Later, Laura would learn that Harry had enlisted in the army using forged documents and was serving overseas.

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00:36:01,940 --> 00:36:11,940

On October 24th, 1943, Laura Young received the news every soldier's wife fears. Her husband had been killed in action.

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00:36:13,940 --> 00:36:21,940

Thirty-seven years later, Harry's oldest son, Albert, was researching the family tree when he found a newspaper article about his father's death.

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00:36:21,940 --> 00:36:28,940

Incredibly, the obituary made mention of a daughter, but not of Albert or his brother, Jim.

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00:36:29,940 --> 00:36:42,940

Well, at first I thought that the paper made a mistake, which wasn't common, you know, papers do make mistakes, and I thought maybe today I had got the information wrong, and I had a copy made so I could go into it further.

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00:36:43,940 --> 00:36:54,940

Albert was shocked to discover that after Harry walked out on his marriage, he had become involved with another woman. They had a daughter, Kathleen Mary Young, born while Harry was overseas.

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00:36:55,940 --> 00:37:02,940

Just after Harry's death, the woman had taken Kathleen to Harry's parents, but they wanted nothing to do with either of them.

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00:37:03,940 --> 00:37:06,940

I have some of Harry's things. Would you like me to bring them over to you?

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00:37:06,940 --> 00:37:08,940

No, just send them.

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00:37:13,940 --> 00:37:21,940

Kathleen Mary Young grew up knowing next to nothing about her two half-brothers, Albert and Jim, until the night of our broadcast.

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00:37:24,940 --> 00:37:32,940

That evening, Kathleen couldn't have been more surprised when she heard her name on television. By the next morning, she had talked to both Albert and Jim.

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00:37:32,940 --> 00:37:41,940

Kathleen had heard that Harry's parents rejected her mother, and she knew about one of her brothers, but she never imagined that anyone was looking for her.

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00:37:42,940 --> 00:37:51,940

It makes me feel, I don't know, it makes me feel good, it makes me feel like special in a way that they took the time and all those years that now that I know that they were looking for me.

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00:37:52,940 --> 00:38:04,940

On September 19, 1993, the long separation came to an end when Kathleen Young, accompanied by her family, came to Stratford, New Jersey to meet her half-brothers for the first time.

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00:38:04,940 --> 00:38:20,940

When I hugged her, it was just so flabbergasted. It felt wonderful. I knew it was her. Since she stepped out of the car, that's a young.

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00:38:20,940 --> 00:38:23,940

That's a young.

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00:38:23,940 --> 00:38:25,860

For the three children of Harry Young,

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00:38:25,860 --> 00:38:28,020

the reunion met a new beginning.

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00:38:28,020 --> 00:38:31,100

After 50 years apart, they were finally a family.

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00:38:31,100 --> 00:38:32,000

Thank you.

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00:38:32,000 --> 00:38:32,900

Nice to meet you both.

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00:38:39,900 --> 00:38:43,420

On January 5, 1991, random violent crime

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00:38:43,420 --> 00:38:45,900

struck the city of Orange, California.

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00:38:45,900 --> 00:38:47,900

The crime was just one of many that day,

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00:38:47,900 --> 00:38:51,340

warning less than a minute on the evening news in Los Angeles.

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00:38:51,340 --> 00:38:54,340

But a young man was shot and left paralyzed.

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00:38:54,340 --> 00:38:56,460

Tonight, authorities want your help

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00:38:56,460 --> 00:38:58,220

in bringing the assailant to justice.

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00:39:03,820 --> 00:39:07,940

1991 had promised to be a good year for Rory Weigel.

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00:39:07,940 --> 00:39:09,260

Rory was 25.

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00:39:09,260 --> 00:39:12,300

I was all set to ask his girlfriend to marry him.

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00:39:12,300 --> 00:39:15,100

He had just graduated from a technical training school,

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00:39:15,100 --> 00:39:17,540

and he planned to open his own auto repair shop.

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00:39:22,940 --> 00:39:26,780

But on January 5, Rory's life would change forever.

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00:39:26,780 --> 00:39:28,900

He had spent the day with his girlfriend.

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00:39:28,900 --> 00:39:35,220

That night, Rory made a quick stop at his house around 9.30.

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00:39:35,220 --> 00:39:37,980

I parked my car, turned the headlights off,

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00:39:37,980 --> 00:39:39,900

left the parking lights on.

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00:39:39,900 --> 00:39:43,140

I left the car running.

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00:39:43,260 --> 00:39:45,620

It wasn't uncommon for me to do that.

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00:39:45,620 --> 00:39:47,060

People know who want to be there,

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00:39:47,060 --> 00:39:49,260

and who want to be not, just by the sound of the car.

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00:39:55,340 --> 00:39:58,300

On his way out, Rory went into the garage

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00:39:58,300 --> 00:40:00,660

to find an extra set of stereo speakers

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00:40:00,660 --> 00:40:02,100

for his girlfriend's sister.

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00:40:06,900 --> 00:40:08,820

I'm looking underneath the bench,

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00:40:08,820 --> 00:40:10,980

some boxes for those speakers, because I

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00:40:10,980 --> 00:40:12,860

knew I just saw it recently.

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00:40:12,860 --> 00:40:16,020

And I wasn't in there for more than a couple, maybe 30,

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00:40:16,020 --> 00:40:19,540

40 seconds, maybe in a minute, the longest.

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00:40:19,540 --> 00:40:21,940

And I heard the car, my car ran out.

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00:40:37,580 --> 00:40:40,020

Hey, no, don't move.

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

What are you doing?

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00:40:41,980 --> 00:40:43,140

What are you doing with my car?

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00:40:43,140 --> 00:40:45,860

Get out of my car.

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00:40:45,860 --> 00:40:47,140

I said, get out of my car.

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00:40:47,140 --> 00:40:48,940

Get out of here, OK?

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00:40:48,940 --> 00:40:50,940

What are you doing with my car?

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00:40:50,940 --> 00:40:52,900

You get it, eh?

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00:40:52,900 --> 00:40:53,620

Eh?

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00:40:53,620 --> 00:40:56,620

I was in my living room watching television,

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00:40:56,620 --> 00:40:59,220

and I heard an engine revving on the street,

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00:40:59,220 --> 00:41:01,780

which is unusual at that time of night.

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00:41:01,780 --> 00:41:03,700

And I got up to look out the window,

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00:41:03,700 --> 00:41:05,460

and there were shots fired.

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00:41:05,460 --> 00:41:11,660

I don't know what was going on.

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00:41:11,660 --> 00:41:14,660

All I remember is that I'm falling backwards,

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00:41:14,660 --> 00:41:16,140

and for some reason I know I'm not

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00:41:16,140 --> 00:41:17,540

going to be able to get back up.

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00:41:17,540 --> 00:41:18,140

I have no idea.

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00:41:18,140 --> 00:41:19,540

I don't feel anything.

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00:41:19,540 --> 00:41:20,500

I don't hear anything.

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00:41:20,500 --> 00:41:23,060

All I do is just see him right away.

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00:41:23,060 --> 00:41:25,140

And then I lost my memory.

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00:41:25,140 --> 00:41:26,420

I don't remember what happened then.

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00:41:30,620 --> 00:41:34,060

I immediately went onto the front of my house,

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00:41:34,060 --> 00:41:37,340

and almost instantly a car sped by with what

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00:41:37,340 --> 00:41:40,900

turned out to be the suspects.

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00:41:40,900 --> 00:41:43,060

As he hit the end of the street, I saw him turn,

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00:41:43,060 --> 00:41:44,900

and then they were gone.

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00:41:44,900 --> 00:41:45,700

Hang in there, man.

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00:41:45,700 --> 00:41:46,300

You can make it.

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00:41:46,300 --> 00:41:47,220

Come on, you can make it.

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00:41:47,220 --> 00:41:47,660

Come on.

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00:41:47,660 --> 00:41:50,220

Two other neighbors, Mark Kodis and Jim Morris,

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00:41:50,220 --> 00:41:51,820

rushed to help.

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00:41:51,820 --> 00:41:55,620

Rory had been shot twice, once in the leg and once in the neck.

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00:41:55,620 --> 00:42:01,580

Fortunately, both Mark and Jim had emergency medical training.

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00:42:01,580 --> 00:42:03,220

I should be dead.

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00:42:03,220 --> 00:42:06,700

I lost my, at least, twice going to the hospital.

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00:42:06,700 --> 00:42:07,620

We're going to blanket around here.

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00:42:07,620 --> 00:42:08,900

Somebody get a blanket?

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00:42:08,900 --> 00:42:13,060

They didn't think I was going to make it through the surgery,

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00:42:13,060 --> 00:42:15,660

but I did.

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00:42:15,660 --> 00:42:18,420

So I have a lot of gratitude.

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00:42:18,420 --> 00:42:20,340

More than I can really express.

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00:42:20,340 --> 00:42:22,860

It kind of looks like a pre-card.

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00:42:22,860 --> 00:42:23,460

Yeah.

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00:42:23,460 --> 00:42:24,900

The fire-pig-bust body.

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00:42:24,900 --> 00:42:28,420

Two and a half years have passed since Rory Weigel was shot.

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00:42:28,420 --> 00:42:30,260

He cannot move his legs or hands

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00:42:30,260 --> 00:42:31,900

and has limited use of his arms.

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00:42:35,620 --> 00:42:38,740

The man suspected of shooting Rory is in his early 20s,

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00:42:38,740 --> 00:42:41,780

between 5 feet 8 and 5 feet 10 inches tall,

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00:42:41,780 --> 00:42:44,620

and weighs around 165 pounds.

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00:42:44,620 --> 00:42:46,660

He has dark hair potted on the right,

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00:42:46,660 --> 00:42:48,620

and is probably Hispanic.

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00:42:48,620 --> 00:42:54,060

There is no composite of the man who drove the getaway car.

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00:42:54,060 --> 00:42:56,940

That vehicle was described as a dark GM car,

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00:42:56,980 --> 00:43:00,780

possibly a Monte Carlo, late 70s or early 80s model,

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00:43:00,780 --> 00:43:02,820

with chrome wheels and a final roof.

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00:43:11,540 --> 00:43:15,500

On our next Unsolved Mysteries, in May of 1917,

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00:43:15,500 --> 00:43:17,780

near Fatima, Portugal, three children

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00:43:17,780 --> 00:43:20,860

witness what many believe was truly a miracle.

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00:43:20,860 --> 00:43:24,660

The first of six appearances of a vision of the Virgin Mary

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00:43:24,700 --> 00:43:28,100

at the final appearance, many of the 70,000 eyewitnesses

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00:43:28,100 --> 00:43:31,580

on hand, would claim to see the sun spin and dip

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00:43:31,580 --> 00:43:36,100

in a spectacular celestial display.

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00:43:36,100 --> 00:43:38,900

To this day, the advanced Fatima have intrigued

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00:43:38,900 --> 00:43:41,420

skeptics and believers alike.

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00:43:41,420 --> 00:43:45,020

Join me next time for this remarkable saga and more

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