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00:00:00,000 --> 00:00:03,680

This program is about unsolved mysteries.

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Whenever possible, the actual family members and police

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00:00:06,280 --> 00:00:09,280

officials have participated in recreating the events.

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00:00:09,280 --> 00:00:12,280

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

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00:00:16,280 --> 00:00:19,120

Tonight, with Valentine's Day approaching,

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00:00:19,120 --> 00:00:22,160

mysteries of love lost and love found,

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00:00:22,160 --> 00:00:25,760

sometimes when you least expect it.

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00:00:25,760 --> 00:00:28,000

Around the world, there are many stories

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00:00:29,000 --> 00:00:30,000

around Chicago.

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She's known as Resurrection Mary,

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00:00:33,000 --> 00:00:35,000

a pale, mysterious young woman who

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

is teased and beguiled a city for more than half a century.

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00:00:38,800 --> 00:00:40,840

Some say she is nothing more than the product

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00:00:40,840 --> 00:00:43,120

of overactive imaginations.

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00:00:43,120 --> 00:00:45,000

Others are certain there is much more

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00:00:45,000 --> 00:00:49,160

to this ghostly beauty than meets the eye.

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1974, a difficult choice faced a young South Vietnamese

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Air Force pilot training in the United States.

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Should he remain in America with his true love

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00:00:59,080 --> 00:01:02,480

and his unborn child, or should he return to his homeland

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00:01:02,480 --> 00:01:05,840

to fight and perhaps die for his country?

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00:01:05,840 --> 00:01:07,840

His decision and his consequences

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00:01:07,840 --> 00:01:13,320

play soon van Nguyen at the center of an unsolved mystery.

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00:01:13,320 --> 00:01:15,820

It was a frightful crash that might have taken Colleen

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00:01:15,820 --> 00:01:19,020

Franjoni's life, but not for the two unknown heroes who

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00:01:19,020 --> 00:01:20,760

pulled her from the wreckage.

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00:01:20,760 --> 00:01:23,060

Tonight, thanks to your calls, Colleen

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00:01:23,060 --> 00:01:25,960

can finally say thank you to the two strangers who

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00:01:26,080 --> 00:01:28,460

saved her life.

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00:01:28,460 --> 00:01:30,020

Also will profile one of the most

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00:01:30,020 --> 00:01:32,820

astounding armored car robberies in history.

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00:01:32,820 --> 00:01:35,220

\$7 million was stolen, and much of it

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00:01:35,220 --> 00:01:38,300

has gone to finance terrorist activities.

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00:01:38,300 --> 00:01:39,100

Join me.

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00:01:39,100 --> 00:01:42,140

Perhaps you may be able to help solve a mystery.

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00:02:12,140 --> 00:02:13,140

The Star Wars.

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00:02:38,140 --> 00:02:40,560

It's late on a moonless night.

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00:02:40,580 --> 00:02:43,220

You're on a dark, lonely road.

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00:02:43,220 --> 00:02:45,420

The shadows seem to reach for you.

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00:02:45,420 --> 00:02:47,620

The sudden rustle of leaves makes you jump.

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00:02:47,620 --> 00:02:50,460

Your heart beats faster and faster.

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00:02:50,460 --> 00:02:52,900

You assume it's your imagination,

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00:02:52,900 --> 00:02:56,060

unless you're on the road to Resurrection Cemetery, just

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00:02:56,060 --> 00:02:57,260

southwest of Chicago.

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00:03:00,300 --> 00:03:03,340

In January of 1979, a cab driver

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00:03:03,340 --> 00:03:07,940

found himself on that road on just such a night.

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00:03:07,940 --> 00:03:10,520

He was about to have an extraordinary experience,

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00:03:10,520 --> 00:03:12,240

which a number of Chicago cabbies

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00:03:12,240 --> 00:03:13,920

claimed to have had over the years.

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00:03:17,440 --> 00:03:21,480

See, miss, I'm lost and can't find a way back to town.

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00:03:21,480 --> 00:03:24,760

Look, if you point me out the right direction,

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00:03:24,760 --> 00:03:27,240

I'll give you a lift wherever you want to go free of charge,

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00:03:27,240 --> 00:03:28,160

OK?

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00:03:28,160 --> 00:03:29,080

Why don't you hop in?

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00:03:29,080 --> 00:03:34,300

Just over a mile ahead was Resurrection Cemetery, one

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00:03:34,300 --> 00:03:41,340

of the largest in the Midwest, the final resting place

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00:03:41,340 --> 00:03:44,260

of more than 150,000 souls.

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00:03:47,140 --> 00:03:48,140

Stop here.

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00:03:48,140 --> 00:03:49,900

Stop here.

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00:03:49,900 --> 00:03:52,740

The cabbie parked across from the cemetery's front gate.

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00:03:52,740 --> 00:03:53,740

Stop here for her.

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00:03:54,740 --> 00:04:00,360

The mysterious passenger had vanished without so much

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00:04:00,360 --> 00:04:02,560

as a door slam.

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00:04:02,560 --> 00:04:04,520

The unwitting cab driver had just

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00:04:04,520 --> 00:04:10,400

met Chicago's most famous ghost, Resurrection Cemetery.

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00:04:10,400 --> 00:04:13,080

I think that of all the ghost stories worth believing in,

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00:04:13,080 --> 00:04:17,600

Resurrection Cemetery is the one with the best documentation.

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00:04:17,600 --> 00:04:20,480

The witnesses that I found are remarkably level-headed,

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00:04:20,500 --> 00:04:23,780

and they're primarily blue-collar, middle-class types

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00:04:23,780 --> 00:04:28,740

who have steady jobs and who have no other major claims

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00:04:28,740 --> 00:04:32,220

to psychic encounters in their life.

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00:04:32,220 --> 00:04:34,500

According to Richard Crowe, the earliest account

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00:04:34,500 --> 00:04:37,740

of Resurrection Cemetery came from a man named Jerry Palis,

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00:04:37,740 --> 00:04:40,540

who died in 1992.

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00:04:40,540 --> 00:04:44,860

In 1986, when he was 72, Jerry described his encounter

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00:04:44,860 --> 00:04:46,300

in a videotaped interview.

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00:04:46,300 --> 00:04:50,960

I'm not very experienced because when I met her at the dance

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00:04:50,960 --> 00:04:55,280

hall, I watched at the entrance.

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00:04:55,280 --> 00:04:57,960

There was quite a while.

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00:04:57,960 --> 00:05:00,400

The year was 1939.

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00:05:00,400 --> 00:05:02,520

On most nights, throngs of young people

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00:05:02,520 --> 00:05:05,400

filled Chicago's dance halls.

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00:05:05,400 --> 00:05:07,480

One of the regulars was Jerry Palis,

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00:05:07,480 --> 00:05:12,120

who considered himself something of a lady's man.

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00:05:12,120 --> 00:05:13,240

Hey, you know that girl over there?

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00:05:17,240 --> 00:05:18,640

I'm going to ask her to dance.

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00:05:22,240 --> 00:05:25,440

Jerry described the woman as being blonde, about 5 foot 7.

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00:05:25,440 --> 00:05:27,280

Her hair was about shoulder length.

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00:05:27,280 --> 00:05:30,120

She had curls along either side of her head.

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00:05:30,120 --> 00:05:32,880

She was wearing an old-fashioned, or I should say,

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00:05:32,880 --> 00:05:36,480

a very fancy type, party dress of the period,

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00:05:36,480 --> 00:05:38,000

old-fashioned to today's terms.

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00:05:40,640 --> 00:05:42,880

It's Mary, isn't it?

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00:05:42,880 --> 00:05:45,480

That's a pretty name.

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00:05:45,540 --> 00:05:48,340

Jerry danced every number with a quiet, captive-eating

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00:05:48,340 --> 00:05:49,140

young woman.

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00:05:49,140 --> 00:05:51,620

I couldn't help noticing somebody as pretty as you.

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00:05:51,620 --> 00:05:54,740

He learned little about her, except that her name was Mary,

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00:05:54,740 --> 00:05:56,860

and she lived on the south side of town.

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00:05:56,860 --> 00:05:58,980

Where?

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00:05:58,980 --> 00:05:59,780

South Damon.

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00:06:06,900 --> 00:06:11,220

Your hands, they're like ice.

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00:06:11,220 --> 00:06:12,500

Must mean you have a warm heart.

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00:06:16,420 --> 00:06:17,820

Can I give you a ride home?

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00:06:17,820 --> 00:06:18,720

Please.

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00:06:25,100 --> 00:06:29,740

As we walked along to the street, she says, well,

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00:06:29,740 --> 00:06:33,420

you might as well take me down to Archer Road.

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00:06:33,420 --> 00:06:36,580

And I said, what forest did you live up here and here,

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00:06:36,580 --> 00:06:37,620

where you told me?

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00:06:37,620 --> 00:06:41,620

And she says, no, she said, I want to go up to Archer Road.

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00:06:41,620 --> 00:06:43,620

I said, well, I'm going to go to Archer Road.

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00:06:43,620 --> 00:06:47,360

I want to go up to Archer Road.

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00:06:47,360 --> 00:06:51,360

Boy, it sure is quiet out here.

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00:06:51,360 --> 00:06:54,640

What do you want to come out here for?

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00:06:54,640 --> 00:06:55,440

Stop.

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00:06:55,440 --> 00:06:56,340

What?

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00:06:56,340 --> 00:06:57,240

Stop the car.

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00:07:00,280 --> 00:07:02,800

This wasn't at all what Jerry had expected.

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00:07:02,800 --> 00:07:06,200

I need to get out of here, please.

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00:07:06,220 --> 00:07:09,180

Mary had asked him to stop in front of Resurrection Cemetery.

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00:07:18,060 --> 00:07:19,580

Please, just wait right here.

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00:07:19,580 --> 00:07:36,840

Jerry claimed that the young woman vanished right before his eyes.

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00:07:36,840 --> 00:07:39,560

Jerry admitted he was perplexed, but certainly willing

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00:07:39,560 --> 00:07:42,040

to forgive one unexplained disappearance.

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00:07:44,520 --> 00:07:47,360

The very next day, he went out to Damon Avenue,

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00:07:47,380 --> 00:07:50,060

where Mary had said she lived.

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00:07:50,060 --> 00:07:52,500

Jerry found the house with little trouble,

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00:07:52,500 --> 00:07:55,900

but before he could even knock, the front door swung open.

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00:07:55,900 --> 00:07:57,500

Yes, can I help you?

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00:07:57,500 --> 00:07:58,420

Excuse me.

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00:07:58,420 --> 00:07:59,860

I don't mean to disturb you, but I'm

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00:07:59,860 --> 00:08:02,340

looking for a young woman named Mary.

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00:08:02,340 --> 00:08:04,260

I was told she lives here.

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00:08:04,260 --> 00:08:06,380

You must be mistaken.

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00:08:06,380 --> 00:08:08,340

There's no one here by that name.

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00:08:08,340 --> 00:08:09,260

Wait.

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00:08:09,260 --> 00:08:12,460

That's the woman I'm looking for in that picture.

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00:08:12,460 --> 00:08:13,580

No.

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00:08:13,580 --> 00:08:15,580

That's not possible.

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00:08:15,600 --> 00:08:21,240

That girl is my daughter, and she has been dead for five years.

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00:08:21,240 --> 00:08:23,360

I danced with that girl last night.

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00:08:23,360 --> 00:08:26,080

It's then, Jerry said, that he understood why the woman he

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00:08:26,080 --> 00:08:29,040

was dancing with that night was ice cold to the touch.

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00:08:29,040 --> 00:08:31,000

He had worked in a funeral home for a while,

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00:08:31,000 --> 00:08:32,240

and it was the touch of a corpse.

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00:08:35,480 --> 00:08:37,800

The revelation naturally coup Jerry's

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00:08:37,800 --> 00:08:41,920

romantic interest in the mysterious beauty.

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00:08:41,920 --> 00:08:44,200

Years later, Richard Crowe learned the ghost

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00:08:44,220 --> 00:08:46,780

was believed to be the restless spirit of a young woman

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00:08:46,780 --> 00:08:48,900

named Mary Bregovie.

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00:08:48,900 --> 00:08:50,980

Mary had been killed in a traffic accident

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00:08:50,980 --> 00:08:57,620

one Saturday night in 1934, a month before her 21st birthday.

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00:08:57,620 --> 00:09:00,180

Around Chicago, folks like to believe Mary

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00:09:00,180 --> 00:09:02,980

had just left the dance hall when she died.

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00:09:02,980 --> 00:09:05,660

She was laid to rest in Resurrection Cemetery,

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00:09:05,660 --> 00:09:07,500

they say, in her favorite gown.

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00:09:10,700 --> 00:09:12,660

Over the years, the bewitching spirit

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00:09:12,720 --> 00:09:17,560

has been seen time and time again at dance clubs, in taxis,

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00:09:17,560 --> 00:09:20,560

and simply strolling outside the cemetery,

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00:09:20,560 --> 00:09:25,920

looking as the legend goes for someone to take her home.

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00:09:25,920 --> 00:09:29,200

I really didn't think there was any ghost.

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00:09:29,200 --> 00:09:32,720

You hear these stories in these old ghost tales,

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00:09:32,720 --> 00:09:35,520

but it's never happened to me.

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00:09:35,520 --> 00:09:39,120

But now I must say, I think I'm changing my mind.

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00:09:39,540 --> 00:09:43,300

In 1980, Claire Rudnicki, her husband Mark, and two friends

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00:09:43,300 --> 00:09:46,900

were driving on Archer Avenue along the front of Resurrection

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00:09:46,900 --> 00:09:48,300

Cemetery.

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00:09:48,300 --> 00:09:50,220

Now just looking out the windows,

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00:09:50,220 --> 00:09:52,100

we are going down the street.

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00:09:52,100 --> 00:09:54,300

And on the right hand side of the road,

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00:09:54,300 --> 00:09:55,700

there was a girl walking.

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00:09:55,700 --> 00:09:56,700

Look ahead.

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00:09:56,700 --> 00:09:58,300

Look, it's a girl.

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00:09:58,300 --> 00:10:02,780

She was bright, very bright, like illuminating.

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00:10:02,780 --> 00:10:04,500

She was just walking very slow.

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00:10:10,120 --> 00:10:14,500

I remember thinking, oh my god, it's Resurrection Cemetery.

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00:10:14,500 --> 00:10:17,700

And I can feel my stomach starting to turn.

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00:10:17,700 --> 00:10:18,600

Let's go back.

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00:10:18,600 --> 00:10:19,500

No.

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00:10:19,500 --> 00:10:20,500

I was very frightened.

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00:10:20,500 --> 00:10:22,860

I have to admit, it did scare me.

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00:10:22,860 --> 00:10:23,860

No, I don't want to go back.

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00:10:23,860 --> 00:10:24,860

Let's go back.

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00:10:24,860 --> 00:10:25,860

Let's go back.

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00:10:25,860 --> 00:10:27,500

On the other hand, Claire's husband Mark

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00:10:27,500 --> 00:10:31,340

was ready to swing around for another look.

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00:10:31,340 --> 00:10:33,060

No one could have pulled a prank like that,

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00:10:33,060 --> 00:10:37,980

because she was so bright and illuminated,

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00:10:38,000 --> 00:10:40,480

and there was no light source from which that light could

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00:10:40,480 --> 00:10:41,120

have come.

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00:10:41,120 --> 00:10:43,840

She was just a bright object.

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00:10:43,840 --> 00:10:46,640

A glowing figure on the side of the road.

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00:10:46,640 --> 00:10:48,640

And when we were coming up behind her,

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00:10:48,640 --> 00:10:50,400

I looked at her from behind on the side.

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00:10:50,400 --> 00:10:53,200

And when I had driven past her, and all the time

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00:10:53,200 --> 00:10:56,000

I was looking at her face, and there was like a black void.

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00:10:56,000 --> 00:10:57,200

There was really nothing there.

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00:10:57,200 --> 00:10:58,560

There was no facial features.

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00:11:03,840 --> 00:11:06,400

We all went past it, turned around, and came back.

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00:11:06,400 --> 00:11:08,300

And by the time we had gotten back to where we had originally

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00:11:08,300 --> 00:11:11,820

seen her, it had gone, vanished.

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00:11:11,820 --> 00:11:16,700

She was all in white, and her hair and the dress

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00:11:16,700 --> 00:11:18,260

were flowing back.

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00:11:18,260 --> 00:11:22,100

It was like a stream backwards, away from her.

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00:11:22,100 --> 00:11:25,820

And I just saw this profile of a young woman.

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00:11:25,820 --> 00:11:28,100

So what time are you leaving tomorrow?

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00:11:28,100 --> 00:11:28,780

Around 7.

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00:11:28,780 --> 00:11:32,140

In October of 1989, Janet Colall and a friend

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00:11:32,140 --> 00:11:34,540

set out for an evening drive.

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00:11:34,560 --> 00:11:36,800

After about an hour, they found themselves

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00:11:36,800 --> 00:11:38,200

at Resurrection Cemetery.

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00:11:41,200 --> 00:11:42,160

I'm not getting away!

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00:11:42,160 --> 00:11:43,160

I'm not getting away!

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00:11:43,160 --> 00:11:44,160

I'm not getting away!

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00:11:47,160 --> 00:11:48,680

There was no impact.

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00:11:48,680 --> 00:11:54,440

There was no bump to say that I had hit something.

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00:11:54,440 --> 00:11:56,800

But I know she ran out.

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00:11:56,800 --> 00:12:01,840

The young woman ran out in front of my car, and I hit her.

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00:12:01,840 --> 00:12:02,960

Just calm down.

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00:12:02,960 --> 00:12:03,560

Everything's going to be OK.

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00:12:03,580 --> 00:12:06,260

And yet, nothing.

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00:12:06,260 --> 00:12:08,300

No impact, no sound, nothing.

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00:12:12,500 --> 00:12:14,820

My dad had told me the story about Resurrection Cemetery

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00:12:14,820 --> 00:12:18,940

before, because he had read it in the newspaper back in 1939.

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00:12:18,940 --> 00:12:22,100

But I never thought that I would be party to it,

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00:12:22,100 --> 00:12:25,180

that I would see it myself, or that I would be with a friend

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00:12:25,180 --> 00:12:28,500

who would have seen her.

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00:12:28,500 --> 00:12:31,580

You can pick apart individual ghost stories.

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00:12:31,580 --> 00:12:33,560

But when you come up with a story like Resurrection

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00:12:33,560 --> 00:12:37,360

Cemetery, where we have dozens of reports spanning decades,

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00:12:37,360 --> 00:12:38,840

I think you've got to go a long way

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00:12:38,840 --> 00:12:42,960

to try to undermine all that massive documentation.

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00:12:42,960 --> 00:12:44,360

I like to drive past the cemetery

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00:12:44,360 --> 00:12:47,560

to see if I can see her again.

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00:12:47,560 --> 00:12:51,640

I never want to see her again.

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00:12:51,640 --> 00:12:53,960

It's so fresh in my mind still.

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00:12:53,960 --> 00:12:55,040

It still scares me.

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00:12:57,560 --> 00:13:00,680

I didn't believe in ghosts until I saw her.

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00:13:00,700 --> 00:13:04,460

And the way I know it was really a ghost is you just know.

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00:13:09,900 --> 00:13:15,420

Does the ghost of Mary Bregovie still haunt Chicago late at night?

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00:13:15,420 --> 00:13:20,860

Or is Resurrection Cemetery simply a time-honored urban myth?

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00:13:20,860 --> 00:13:24,100

In any case, should you find yourself driving in the city

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00:13:24,100 --> 00:13:27,540

late one night, and you spot a wistful young woman

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00:13:27,540 --> 00:13:29,580

in a flowing gown?

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00:13:29,600 --> 00:13:32,360

You might think twice about offering her a ride.

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00:13:42,280 --> 00:13:43,720

Tonight we have an update, which is

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00:13:43,720 --> 00:13:46,120

one of our most touching and poignant.

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00:13:46,120 --> 00:13:48,400

It concerns a woman searching for two men

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00:13:48,400 --> 00:13:51,760

to complete strangers she never even talked to.

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00:13:51,760 --> 00:13:56,360

But during one fateful encounter in 1978, they saved her life.

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00:13:56,360 --> 00:13:59,240

She has been searching for them ever since simply

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00:13:59,260 --> 00:14:02,580

to say thank you.

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00:14:02,580 --> 00:14:03,500

Hi, Colleen.

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00:14:03,500 --> 00:14:04,500

Hi.

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00:14:04,500 --> 00:14:06,660

Welcome to our class.

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00:14:06,660 --> 00:14:09,140

Colleen Franjoli was paralyzed from the waist

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00:14:09,140 --> 00:14:13,580

down more than 15 years ago in a horrible automobile accident.

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00:14:13,580 --> 00:14:15,380

Since then, she has spoken to thousands

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00:14:15,380 --> 00:14:18,020

of high school students, urging them to wear seat belts.

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00:14:18,020 --> 00:14:19,100

Very simple.

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00:14:19,100 --> 00:14:20,020

Buckle up.

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00:14:20,020 --> 00:14:20,580

I didn't.

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00:14:20,580 --> 00:14:21,420

It's my slogan.

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00:14:21,420 --> 00:14:23,620

Every time Colleen speaks in a classroom,

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00:14:23,620 --> 00:14:27,460

she relives the night of September 23, 1978.

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00:14:29,740 --> 00:14:47,180

The hit of that second car just twisted me beyond the normal

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00:14:47,180 --> 00:14:50,060

range, and that twist was so forceful

268

00:14:50,060 --> 00:14:52,340

that it broke too low of vertebrae

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00:14:52,340 --> 00:14:55,980

and severed my spinal cord.

270

00:14:56,480 --> 00:15:00,040

And I'm glad I don't remember.

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00:15:00,040 --> 00:15:02,360

In the midst of the chaos, two bystanders

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00:15:02,360 --> 00:15:04,760

pulled Colleen from the burning wreckage.

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00:15:04,760 --> 00:15:07,120

However, both men disappeared before anyone

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00:15:07,120 --> 00:15:09,320

could get their names.

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00:15:09,320 --> 00:15:13,760

Colleen has never stopped looking for them.

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00:15:13,760 --> 00:15:16,600

When Colleen's appeal aired, luck was with her.

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00:15:16,600 --> 00:15:18,920

Both men called our phone center.

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00:15:18,920 --> 00:15:21,880

Their names are Ray Myers and Mike Cain.

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00:15:21,880 --> 00:15:24,560

Though they both live in the Providence, Rhode Island area,

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00:15:24,620 --> 00:15:26,980

they had seen each other only once in the aftermath

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00:15:26,980 --> 00:15:28,900

of Colleen's accident.

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00:15:28,900 --> 00:15:31,260

Colleen was thrilled to learn that her rescuers had been

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00:15:31,260 --> 00:15:35,180

found after more than 15 years.

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00:15:35,180 --> 00:15:38,420

What Unsull Mysteries did was the tip lady called me,

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00:15:38,420 --> 00:15:40,700

told me that she had heard from one of them,

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00:15:40,700 --> 00:15:42,100

and gave me his number.

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00:15:42,100 --> 00:15:44,700

Because, of course, they didn't want to give out my number.

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00:15:44,700 --> 00:15:46,700

So I called him.

289

00:15:46,700 --> 00:15:47,740

I said who I was.

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00:15:47,740 --> 00:15:49,460

And it was just so nice.

291

00:15:49,460 --> 00:15:50,980

In fact, we talked so long that night,

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00:15:50,980 --> 00:15:52,500

my husband fell asleep.

293

00:15:52,560 --> 00:15:55,240

We were in bed, and my husband fell sound asleep.

294

00:15:55,240 --> 00:15:57,000

While him and I were just talking about,

295

00:15:57,000 --> 00:16:01,400

he was telling me things that I had no idea.

296

00:16:01,400 --> 00:16:04,720

On December 27, 1993, Colleen finally

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00:16:04,720 --> 00:16:07,480

was able to meet her heroes in person.

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00:16:07,480 --> 00:16:09,320

Ray Myers was the first to arrive.

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00:16:15,320 --> 00:16:16,320

Oh, my god.

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00:16:16,320 --> 00:16:19,360

I can't believe I could really touch you.

301

00:16:19,360 --> 00:16:21,880

I really didn't think that you exist as thank you.

302

00:16:23,400 --> 00:16:24,560

Oh, my god.

303

00:16:24,560 --> 00:16:27,360

I was in shock.

304

00:16:27,360 --> 00:16:28,880

I couldn't believe it was me.

305

00:16:28,880 --> 00:16:34,280

I mean, I knew it was me, but it's incredible.

306

00:16:34,280 --> 00:16:35,640

That's how I feel about this whole thing.

307

00:16:35,640 --> 00:16:36,560

I think it's incredible.

308

00:16:39,160 --> 00:16:42,600

Half an hour later, it was Mike Cain's turn.

309

00:16:42,600 --> 00:16:44,080

Hi.

310

00:16:44,080 --> 00:16:44,980

Mike?

311

00:16:44,980 --> 00:16:46,120

Oh, gosh.

312

00:16:46,120 --> 00:16:47,720

How nice to meet you.

313

00:16:47,720 --> 00:16:49,520

Thank you so much.

314

00:16:49,520 --> 00:16:51,320

Oh, gosh.

315

00:16:51,620 --> 00:16:53,500

I tried to imagine what you looked like,

316

00:16:53,500 --> 00:16:57,140

and I can't do that when I don't know a person.

317

00:16:57,140 --> 00:16:58,020

No surprise.

318

00:16:58,020 --> 00:17:02,780

Why, 15 years later, why?

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00:17:02,780 --> 00:17:04,780

Why?

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00:17:04,780 --> 00:17:07,300

But when she said she wanted to thank the people,

321

00:17:07,300 --> 00:17:08,700

after I spoke to her on the phone,

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00:17:08,700 --> 00:17:13,540

it was like, this lady is really sincere.

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00:17:13,540 --> 00:17:14,380

And that's what she wanted.

324

00:17:14,380 --> 00:17:15,900

She wanted to thank us.

325

00:17:15,900 --> 00:17:17,180

What's your name?

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00:17:17,180 --> 00:17:18,100

It was a new person.

327

00:17:18,100 --> 00:17:21,020

I feel the whole circle, it's all completed.

328

00:17:21,040 --> 00:17:26,000

All the pieces of the puzzle are all put together now.

329

00:17:26,000 --> 00:17:30,200

And it's a real peaceful feeling inside.

330

00:17:30,200 --> 00:17:34,080

That's, to me, in fact, how many times have I said in the last

331

00:17:34,080 --> 00:17:37,720

weeks, how many people get to meet their guardian angels?

332

00:17:37,720 --> 00:17:38,880

And this is how I feel.

333

00:17:43,160 --> 00:17:45,640

Next, a young woman disappears in the wake

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00:17:45,640 --> 00:17:47,480

of a near fatal motorcycle accident.

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00:17:51,960 --> 00:17:59,360

These days, most of us have resigned to keeping in touch

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00:17:59,360 --> 00:18:02,240

with friends and family by telephone.

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00:18:02,240 --> 00:18:05,560

The calls are usually a source of comfort and pleasure.

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00:18:05,560 --> 00:18:08,040

But for one California mother, a phone call

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00:18:08,040 --> 00:18:10,560

from her 28-year-old daughter began a nightmare

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00:18:10,560 --> 00:18:12,800

which is yet to end.

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00:18:12,800 --> 00:18:15,320

As a rule, we do not air stories about grown children

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00:18:15,320 --> 00:18:18,160

who choose to separate from their family and friends.

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00:18:18,180 --> 00:18:20,660

But the case of Selena Eden is special.

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00:18:23,780 --> 00:18:26,460

When she graduated from high school in 1980,

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00:18:26,460 --> 00:18:29,500

Selena was everything a parent could ask for.

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00:18:29,500 --> 00:18:33,380

She was president of the student body and of the senior class.

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00:18:33,380 --> 00:18:36,420

But Selena had always marched to her own drummer.

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00:18:36,420 --> 00:18:39,300

She dropped out of college to join the Air Force.

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00:18:39,300 --> 00:18:41,700

Then after a stint, Selena became a journeyman

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00:18:41,700 --> 00:18:44,340

construction worker in San Francisco.

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00:18:44,340 --> 00:18:47,200

She joined the teamsters and bought herself a motorcycle.

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00:18:49,840 --> 00:18:51,480

She was humorous.

353

00:18:51,480 --> 00:18:53,400

She was also quite daring.

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00:18:53,400 --> 00:18:54,800

She was the kind of child, like, say,

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00:18:54,800 --> 00:18:58,520

of a stinge that you wanted to do that, you know, in life.

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00:18:58,520 --> 00:19:01,560

This was the child that kind of did it, was that daring.

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00:19:04,560 --> 00:19:08,360

On November 29, 1989, Selena was on her way home

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00:19:08,360 --> 00:19:11,240

from the Union Hall in downtown San Francisco

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00:19:11,240 --> 00:19:12,480

when tragedy struck.

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00:19:14,360 --> 00:19:15,360

Ah!

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00:19:15,360 --> 00:19:16,260

Ah!

362

00:19:16,260 --> 00:19:17,160

Ah!

363

00:19:17,160 --> 00:19:17,960

Ah!

364

00:19:31,960 --> 00:19:35,640

After the accident, she was in a coma for six weeks.

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00:19:35,640 --> 00:19:38,240

And she had some brain damage.

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00:19:38,240 --> 00:19:41,240

She had a long way to go.

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00:19:41,300 --> 00:19:44,620

Selena was admitted to the hospital as a Jane Doe.

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00:19:44,620 --> 00:19:48,300

Her ID papers had disappeared in the aftermath of the accident.

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00:19:48,300 --> 00:19:50,940

And seven days passed before her mother and brother

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00:19:50,940 --> 00:19:53,140

were tracked down in San Diego.

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00:19:53,140 --> 00:19:56,740

Selena, baby, look who's here.

372

00:19:56,740 --> 00:19:58,140

Dion.

373

00:19:58,140 --> 00:20:01,140

He came with me today.

374

00:20:01,140 --> 00:20:02,420

Hi, Dion.

375

00:20:02,420 --> 00:20:03,340

Hi, baby.

376

00:20:03,340 --> 00:20:04,380

How you feel?

377

00:20:04,380 --> 00:20:05,980

OK.

378

00:20:05,980 --> 00:20:06,940

Baby and good to you?

379

00:20:06,940 --> 00:20:09,100

She had lost a lot of her memory.

380

00:20:09,100 --> 00:20:09,700

Sorry.

381

00:20:09,760 --> 00:20:12,240

So it really kind of took away her personality.

382

00:20:12,240 --> 00:20:14,400

But don't leave me, OK?

383

00:20:14,400 --> 00:20:15,800

Don't leave me.

384

00:20:15,800 --> 00:20:18,520

She appeared to be like a child again.

385

00:20:18,520 --> 00:20:20,400

Like she didn't know too much anymore.

386

00:20:20,400 --> 00:20:23,200

You know, she just, you know, like a child.

387

00:20:26,240 --> 00:20:28,840

Selena's left eye had been permanently damaged.

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00:20:28,840 --> 00:20:31,080

She suffered painful headaches.

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00:20:31,080 --> 00:20:33,680

Her left thigh was crushed and a severe head injury

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00:20:33,680 --> 00:20:36,560

caused fluid to build up around her brain.

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00:20:36,580 --> 00:20:39,900

Nevertheless, Selena dove into an exhausting regimen

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00:20:39,900 --> 00:20:42,580

of physical therapy.

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00:20:42,580 --> 00:20:46,060

Selena was the type of patient they had to slow up.

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00:20:46,060 --> 00:20:47,540

She wanted to do everything under her.

395

00:20:47,540 --> 00:20:50,340

She wanted to walk before she could walk.

396

00:20:50,340 --> 00:20:53,700

It was just that she was like rushing everything.

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00:20:53,700 --> 00:20:55,220

She challenged herself to the max.

398

00:20:55,220 --> 00:20:58,260

And it was like a lot of things that she just couldn't do.

399

00:20:58,260 --> 00:21:00,580

And I guess she just wasn't ready to accept the fact

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00:21:00,580 --> 00:21:03,180

that she wasn't well yet.

401

00:21:03,180 --> 00:21:04,660

Come on, baby.

402

00:21:04,680 --> 00:21:07,080

Two months after the accident, Selena's brother

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00:21:07,080 --> 00:21:09,240

brought her home to San Diego.

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00:21:09,240 --> 00:21:11,520

Selena planned to live with her mother and niece

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00:21:11,520 --> 00:21:14,600

and continue physical therapy on an outpatient basis.

406

00:21:14,600 --> 00:21:16,280

Welcome home, baby.

407

00:21:16,280 --> 00:21:18,680

Thank you, mama.

408

00:21:18,680 --> 00:21:19,880

How are you feeling?

409

00:21:19,880 --> 00:21:20,780

OK, mama.

410

00:21:20,780 --> 00:21:23,080

You're OK, baby.

411

00:21:23,080 --> 00:21:24,080

You're doing good.

412

00:21:29,800 --> 00:21:32,040

You know, when she was living with me,

413

00:21:32,060 --> 00:21:35,140

she started having more confused episodes.

414

00:21:35,140 --> 00:21:36,580

Being the mother, I could see it.

415

00:21:36,580 --> 00:21:40,340

And medical people really couldn't

416

00:21:40,340 --> 00:21:42,020

see it the way I could.

417

00:21:47,060 --> 00:21:48,860

There was a lot of changes.

418

00:21:48,860 --> 00:21:51,340

I feel that sometimes she had her days

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00:21:51,340 --> 00:21:52,860

that she could be quite mean.

420

00:21:52,860 --> 00:21:55,660

And then that was the days I would

421

00:21:55,660 --> 00:22:01,340

notice that she was having a lot of headaches.

422

00:22:01,360 --> 00:22:02,760

Uh-huh.

423

00:22:02,760 --> 00:22:04,640

So we'll do that.

424

00:22:04,640 --> 00:22:05,540

But.

425

00:22:08,120 --> 00:22:11,280

Soon the headaches gave way to general confusion.

426

00:22:11,280 --> 00:22:13,400

Physically, Selena was getting better,

427

00:22:13,400 --> 00:22:16,040

but mentally, she was worse.

428

00:22:16,040 --> 00:22:18,920

Are you all right, baby?

429

00:22:18,920 --> 00:22:21,640

Mama, who was that I was talking to?

430

00:22:21,640 --> 00:22:23,440

I don't know who you were talking to.

431

00:22:23,440 --> 00:22:24,680

Did you forget?

432

00:22:24,680 --> 00:22:26,600

Yes.

433

00:22:26,600 --> 00:22:27,560

I forgot.

434

00:22:27,560 --> 00:22:29,680

Things like that would upset her.

435

00:22:29,700 --> 00:22:32,380

That's when I noticed her frustration more and more.

436

00:22:32,380 --> 00:22:35,940

And she felt like more and more she

437

00:22:35,940 --> 00:22:37,900

wanted to be on her own.

438

00:22:37,900 --> 00:22:41,860

But the more she pushed it, the more confused she was becoming.

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00:22:44,500 --> 00:22:46,660

With her recovery stalled, Selena

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00:22:46,660 --> 00:22:50,500

decided to return to San Francisco in May of 1990.

441

00:22:50,500 --> 00:22:53,780

She hoped that the familiar surroundings would help her.

442

00:22:53,780 --> 00:22:54,980

Lori.

443

00:22:54,980 --> 00:22:55,900

Yeah?

444

00:22:55,900 --> 00:22:57,300

Who's that girl?

445

00:22:57,300 --> 00:22:58,420

What girl?

446

00:22:58,440 --> 00:23:01,040

What is that by the house to her?

447

00:23:01,040 --> 00:23:02,640

You mean Liz?

448

00:23:02,640 --> 00:23:04,440

Yeah, Liz.

449

00:23:04,440 --> 00:23:06,720

Who is she?

450

00:23:06,720 --> 00:23:08,040

She's your friend, Selena.

451

00:23:08,040 --> 00:23:10,200

She's very happy to be in San Francisco

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00:23:10,200 --> 00:23:12,400

and to be around her friends.

453

00:23:12,400 --> 00:23:16,080

But she didn't appear healthy enough to be on her own.

454

00:23:16,080 --> 00:23:17,000

Are you OK?

455

00:23:17,000 --> 00:23:17,760

Fine.

456

00:23:17,760 --> 00:23:19,760

She was very unaware of a lot of things.

457

00:23:19,760 --> 00:23:23,320

I think she definitely needed somebody to be with her,

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00:23:23,320 --> 00:23:24,280

you know, to help her.

459

00:23:24,700 --> 00:23:29,260

Despite her erratic behavior, Selena

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00:23:29,260 --> 00:23:33,660

had been in the habit of calling her mother regularly.

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00:23:33,660 --> 00:23:37,900

Finally, in October of 1990, nearly one year after the accident,

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00:23:37,900 --> 00:23:42,340

Clarissa Eden received a phone call she would never forget.

463

00:23:42,340 --> 00:23:43,240

Hello?

464

00:23:43,240 --> 00:23:44,420

Hello, Mama?

465

00:23:44,420 --> 00:23:45,580

Selena?

466

00:23:45,580 --> 00:23:47,740

Mama, I'm going away for a while.

467

00:23:47,740 --> 00:23:50,660

I met someone who promised to be kind to me.

468

00:23:50,660 --> 00:23:51,500

Who?

469

00:23:51,500 --> 00:23:53,340

She was evasive with me.

470

00:23:53,440 --> 00:23:55,080

And that wasn't like her.

471

00:23:55,080 --> 00:23:58,560

She would tell me everything, you know?

472

00:23:58,560 --> 00:24:00,320

I said, Selena, what you need to do,

473

00:24:00,320 --> 00:24:01,920

you need to come back home.

474

00:24:01,920 --> 00:24:04,200

And she said, well, don't worry if you don't hear from me

475

00:24:04,200 --> 00:24:05,640

in a month or two.

476

00:24:05,640 --> 00:24:08,920

Selena, you should come back home.

477

00:24:08,920 --> 00:24:12,560

And then she said, I'll be calling you soon and hung up.

478

00:24:12,560 --> 00:24:14,360

And that's the last I've heard from Selena.

479

00:24:18,040 --> 00:24:20,760

The last time I heard anything of Selena,

480

00:24:20,760 --> 00:24:23,280

she was leaving for somewhere in the Midwest

481

00:24:23,300 --> 00:24:26,740

and I can't remember where with some woman who she had just

482

00:24:26,740 --> 00:24:27,620

met.

483

00:24:27,620 --> 00:24:30,540

And I got the impression that she probably

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00:24:30,540 --> 00:24:32,860

didn't know much more about the woman than I did.

485

00:24:32,860 --> 00:24:33,980

And I didn't even know the person.

486

00:24:33,980 --> 00:24:35,340

I had no idea who it was.

487

00:24:35,340 --> 00:24:39,220

And I couldn't get a last name from her.

488

00:24:39,220 --> 00:24:41,420

And it was just kind of a haphazard plan.

489

00:24:41,420 --> 00:24:42,540

There was no plan.

490

00:24:42,540 --> 00:24:45,460

It's like, I'm going.

491

00:24:45,460 --> 00:24:47,780

Selena's family hired a private investigator

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00:24:47,780 --> 00:24:50,220

to search for her.

493

00:24:50,220 --> 00:24:53,020

Even after she told her mother she was leaving town,

494

00:24:53,080 --> 00:24:57,040

Selena was cited in San Francisco's Tenderloin District.

495

00:24:57,040 --> 00:24:59,600

Some people said they saw her around here.

496

00:24:59,600 --> 00:25:01,120

When was she here?

497

00:25:01,120 --> 00:25:04,320

A few weeks back.

498

00:25:04,320 --> 00:25:06,840

The investigator followed up on all the leads.

499

00:25:06,840 --> 00:25:08,840

But it turned out to be a fruitless search.

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00:25:08,840 --> 00:25:11,320

And if you do see her, would you give me a call?

501

00:25:11,320 --> 00:25:12,320

Yeah, sure.

502

00:25:12,320 --> 00:25:14,360

Thanks.

503

00:25:14,360 --> 00:25:16,520

You know, I just hope she's out there probably, you know,

504

00:25:16,520 --> 00:25:17,760

just living her life.

505

00:25:17,760 --> 00:25:19,400

And for what reason she didn't call us.

506

00:25:19,400 --> 00:25:21,040

Maybe it's just because she forgot us.

507

00:25:21,060 --> 00:25:23,500

Maybe she just don't remember, you know.

508

00:25:23,500 --> 00:25:25,540

Hopefully it's one of those stories.

509

00:25:25,540 --> 00:25:29,100

Hopefully, you know, we can find her.

510

00:25:29,100 --> 00:25:31,180

I want to see my daughter again.

511

00:25:31,180 --> 00:25:33,500

That's my baby.

512

00:25:33,500 --> 00:25:35,900

I love her like I love all my children.

513

00:25:35,900 --> 00:25:39,420

And I want her back with us.

514

00:25:39,420 --> 00:25:42,980

I want her to try to call or someone call for her.

515

00:25:42,980 --> 00:25:45,020

She's unable to call.

516

00:25:45,020 --> 00:25:49,540

And let us know where she is and how she is.

517

00:25:51,980 --> 00:25:56,460

On New Year's Eve of 1991, a year after Selena had disappeared,

518

00:25:56,460 --> 00:25:58,260

she left a garbled message on her friend

519

00:25:58,260 --> 00:26:00,780

Laurie Gallagher's answering machine.

520

00:26:00,780 --> 00:26:03,300

It was the last time any of Selena's friends or family

521

00:26:03,300 --> 00:26:04,940

heard her voice.

522

00:26:04,940 --> 00:26:07,420

Since then, a lawsuit has been filed in Selena's name

523

00:26:07,420 --> 00:26:09,220

regarding the accident.

524

00:26:09,220 --> 00:26:12,540

However, the action cannot proceed until Selena is found.

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00:26:15,260 --> 00:26:17,740

Selena Marie Eaton is 31 years old

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00:26:17,740 --> 00:26:20,420

and stares 5 feet 6 inches tall.

527

00:26:20,420 --> 00:26:24,360

At the time of her disappearance, she weighed 125 pounds.

528

00:26:24,360 --> 00:26:26,560

She has a pronounced stiffness in her left leg,

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00:26:26,560 --> 00:26:27,760

which causes her to limp.

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00:26:32,960 --> 00:26:36,120

In a moment, a daring \$7 million heist

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00:26:36,120 --> 00:26:38,960

funds a bold act of international terrorism.

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00:26:47,240 --> 00:26:49,480

It's hard to imagine what \$7 million

533

00:26:49,540 --> 00:26:51,780

in cash would look like.

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00:26:51,780 --> 00:26:57,140

But in 1983, one man managed to steal that astounding sum.

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00:26:57,140 --> 00:27:00,220

Single-handedly, he wrestled 50 heavy bags of currency

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00:27:00,220 --> 00:27:04,900

out of a vault, loaded them into a getaway car, and vanished.

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00:27:04,900 --> 00:27:06,980

The daring robbery still stands as one

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00:27:06,980 --> 00:27:11,940

of the greatest heists in United States history.

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00:27:11,940 --> 00:27:15,420

The key figure in the holdup was a brazen 25-year-old armored

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00:27:15,420 --> 00:27:18,420

car guard named Victor Manuel Herrena.

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00:27:18,440 --> 00:27:20,360

At the time of the robbery, Herrena

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00:27:20,360 --> 00:27:23,280

was a trusted employee at the West Hartford, Connecticut

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00:27:23,280 --> 00:27:25,600

Office of the Wells Fargo Express Company.

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00:27:29,320 --> 00:27:30,320

What's up, Vic?

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00:27:30,320 --> 00:27:33,000

September 12, 1983.

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00:27:33,000 --> 00:27:36,080

Herrena's arrival at work that day was unremarkable,

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00:27:36,080 --> 00:27:38,080

except for the one special request

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00:27:38,080 --> 00:27:40,120

he made of his supervisor.

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00:27:40,120 --> 00:27:42,800

Excuse me, Jim.

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00:27:42,800 --> 00:27:44,480

I need to ask a big favor.

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00:27:44,480 --> 00:27:47,240

Is there any way I can park my car over here at Bay 5?

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00:27:47,260 --> 00:27:48,700

I would really appreciate it.

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00:27:48,700 --> 00:27:49,580

What's wrong with your car?

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00:27:49,580 --> 00:27:50,380

It's not mine.

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00:27:50,380 --> 00:27:51,380

It's a friend of mine's.

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00:27:51,380 --> 00:27:53,100

I hate to see something happen to it.

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00:27:53,100 --> 00:27:55,460

You know how it is outside.

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00:27:55,460 --> 00:27:58,260

You know, I'm really not supposed to be doing this.

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00:27:58,260 --> 00:27:59,260

I'll let you do it this one time.

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00:27:59,260 --> 00:28:01,540

Just don't take advantage of me, Victor.

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00:28:01,540 --> 00:28:03,020

Thanks.

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00:28:03,020 --> 00:28:04,060

Appreciate it.

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00:28:04,060 --> 00:28:04,940

OK, Vic.

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00:28:04,940 --> 00:28:05,940

All right.

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00:28:10,420 --> 00:28:12,220

The vehicle that Victor was driving that day

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00:28:12,220 --> 00:28:16,980

was a 1973 Buick Le Sabre, which was a full-size, big car,

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00:28:17,040 --> 00:28:22,960

capable of carrying a large load, whatever that may be.

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00:28:22,960 --> 00:28:25,080

That day, Herrera and his partner

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00:28:25,080 --> 00:28:27,800

made all their scheduled rounds, collecting more than \$3

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00:28:27,800 --> 00:28:31,600

million in currency from local banks and businesses.

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00:28:31,600 --> 00:28:35,880

The Wells Fargo vaults already held more than \$4 million.

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00:28:35,880 --> 00:28:37,280

Tim, I'm going to check in the guns.

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00:28:37,280 --> 00:28:38,180

OK.

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00:28:38,180 --> 00:28:40,440

Take the line.

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00:28:40,440 --> 00:28:41,360

Thanks.

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00:28:41,360 --> 00:28:48,540

By 9 PM, Herrera, his partner and the supervisor

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00:28:48,540 --> 00:28:50,980

were alone in the armored car terminal,

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00:28:50,980 --> 00:28:53,380

more than \$7 million in cash.

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00:29:01,780 --> 00:29:03,140

Listen, I'll kill you.

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00:29:03,140 --> 00:29:04,700

I swear to God, I'll kill you.

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00:29:04,700 --> 00:29:05,600

What are you doing?

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00:29:05,600 --> 00:29:06,500

Shut up.

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00:29:06,500 --> 00:29:07,400

Stand up.

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00:29:07,400 --> 00:29:08,300

Come on.

585

00:29:08,300 --> 00:29:09,300

You, lay down.

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00:29:09,300 --> 00:29:10,300

Lay down.

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00:29:10,300 --> 00:29:11,600

No, lay down.

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00:29:11,600 --> 00:29:12,500

Move it.

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00:29:12,500 --> 00:29:13,800

Put your hands behind your back.

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00:29:13,800 --> 00:29:15,600

Victor, shut up.

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00:29:15,600 --> 00:29:19,920

He handcuffed his supervisor's arms behind his back

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00:29:19,920 --> 00:29:22,800

and also taped up their mouths and used duct tape

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00:29:22,800 --> 00:29:27,760

to tape their feet and bind them so they couldn't move.

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00:29:27,760 --> 00:29:29,320

And he put jackets over both their heads

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00:29:29,320 --> 00:29:31,080

so they're going to be able to see what was going on.

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00:29:34,040 --> 00:29:35,720

OK, guys, this injection is just going

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00:29:35,720 --> 00:29:38,880

to put you to sleep now.

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00:29:38,880 --> 00:29:40,280

Authorities never determined what

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00:29:40,340 --> 00:29:43,740

the syringe contained, but it did not put the guards to sleep.

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00:29:46,620 --> 00:29:52,020

Herrena began to move the \$7 million bag by bag.

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00:29:52,020 --> 00:29:53,980

It took the better part of an hour and a half

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00:29:53,980 --> 00:29:57,780

to load his car with about 1,000 pounds of cash, roughly

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00:29:57,780 --> 00:30:00,500

half a ton in marked and unmarked bills.

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00:30:08,580 --> 00:30:09,980

After the car was loaded, we believe

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00:30:10,000 --> 00:30:12,400

that he sent a signal to someone on the outside

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00:30:12,400 --> 00:30:13,640

that was helping him.

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00:30:13,640 --> 00:30:18,080

He honked the horn and opened the bay door to the terminal.

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00:30:18,080 --> 00:30:19,680

It's believed that at that point, someone else

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00:30:19,680 --> 00:30:22,800

came into the terminal and drove his car out of the terminal

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00:30:22,800 --> 00:30:24,080

with the money inside the car.

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00:30:28,480 --> 00:30:30,120

The guards, at this point, I'm sure,

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00:30:30,120 --> 00:30:33,760

were very upset and even more so when they heard a shotgun

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00:30:33,760 --> 00:30:35,680

being loaded, which is a very distinctive sound.

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00:30:40,720 --> 00:30:45,360

However, Herrera left the building without harming the guards.

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00:30:45,360 --> 00:30:48,240

They soon worked themselves free and called the police.

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00:30:50,960 --> 00:30:54,720

18 hours later, Herrera's car was found abandoned about eight

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00:30:54,720 --> 00:30:57,120

miles from the Wells Fargo terminal.

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00:30:57,120 --> 00:31:00,200

Victor Herrera had vanished, along with every last

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00:31:00,200 --> 00:31:01,560

cent of the stolen money.

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00:31:04,400 --> 00:31:06,800

Investigators soon discovered that the daring theft

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00:31:06,800 --> 00:31:09,920

was far more than a one-man operation.

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00:31:09,940 --> 00:31:12,740

It had been masterminded by a Puerto Rican terrorist group

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00:31:12,740 --> 00:31:15,780

that counted Victor Herrera among his members.

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00:31:15,780 --> 00:31:18,100

The group called themselves Los Macheteros,

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00:31:18,100 --> 00:31:21,180

literally the machete wielders, and they were fighting

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00:31:21,180 --> 00:31:26,100

for nothing less than the independence of Puerto Rico.

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00:31:26,100 --> 00:31:28,740

The island of Puerto Rico was ceded to the United States

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00:31:28,740 --> 00:31:31,020

by Spain in 1898.

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00:31:31,020 --> 00:31:33,180

Eventually, some Puerto Rican groups

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00:31:33,180 --> 00:31:36,860

began to agitate for a complete break with the United States.

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00:31:36,880 --> 00:31:41,160

At times, they turned to violence.

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00:31:41,160 --> 00:31:43,880

In 1950, two Puerto Rican terrorists

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00:31:43,880 --> 00:31:47,360

attempted to assassinate then-President Harry Truman.

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00:31:47,360 --> 00:31:50,600

The failed attack left one White House guard dead and two

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00:31:50,600 --> 00:31:53,320

injured.

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00:31:53,320 --> 00:31:56,200

More than 30 years later, Los Macheteros

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00:31:56,200 --> 00:31:58,400

attempted to strike another blow,

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00:31:58,400 --> 00:32:00,400

flushed with millions from the robbery.

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00:32:00,400 --> 00:32:02,800

The group purchased a surface-to-air missile,

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00:32:02,800 --> 00:32:05,640

apparently from a black market arms dealer.

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00:32:05,660 --> 00:32:10,380

On October 30, 1983, they launched it at the FBI headquarters

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00:32:10,380 --> 00:32:13,740

in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

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00:32:13,740 --> 00:32:16,580

However, little damage was done, and some of Herrera's

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00:32:16,580 --> 00:32:19,080

co-conspirators were quickly arrested.

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00:32:19,080 --> 00:32:21,820

Victor Herrera eluded capture, and he was soon

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00:32:21,820 --> 00:32:26,700

elevated to the FBI's 10 most wanted list.

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00:32:26,700 --> 00:32:29,980

Victor Manuel Herrera is now 35 years old.

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00:32:29,980 --> 00:32:32,860

He has brown hair, striking green eyes,

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00:32:32,880 --> 00:32:36,440

and when last seen weighed around 165 pounds,

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00:32:36,440 --> 00:32:39,160

he stands 5 feet 6 inches tall.

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00:32:39,160 --> 00:32:42,000

Authorities believe Herrera has been hiding out in Cuba,

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00:32:42,000 --> 00:32:44,560

but may soon return to the United States.

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00:32:44,560 --> 00:32:47,960

Victor Herrera should be considered armed and dangerous.

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00:32:47,960 --> 00:33:04,900

When we return, the poignant story of a father and daughter

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00:33:04,900 --> 00:33:06,860

torn apart by the war in Vietnam.

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00:33:18,380 --> 00:33:22,460

May 1968, Soon Van Nguyen was among hundreds

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00:33:22,460 --> 00:33:24,660

of South Vietnamese officers dispatched

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00:33:24,660 --> 00:33:28,260

to England Air Force Base in Louisiana for jet pilot training.

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00:33:30,940 --> 00:33:33,220

Soon was scheduled to remain in the United States

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00:33:33,220 --> 00:33:34,660

for seven months.

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00:33:34,660 --> 00:33:37,900

He felt lonely and displaced until a local family,

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00:33:37,900 --> 00:33:41,180

the Goaties, took him under their wing.

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00:33:41,180 --> 00:33:42,740

They had six children.

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00:33:42,740 --> 00:33:45,060

Their oldest son was stationed in Vietnam.

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00:33:45,200 --> 00:33:47,000

We're friends here.

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00:33:51,320 --> 00:33:54,560

Mrs. Goatie was thinking about her son being a foreigner

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00:33:54,560 --> 00:33:58,200

in Vietnam in the same situation as my friends and I

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00:33:58,200 --> 00:34:01,720

were here in America.

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00:34:01,720 --> 00:34:04,920

Because of that, she helped us on the weekends

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00:34:04,920 --> 00:34:07,560

so that we feel comfortable, just like we

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00:34:07,560 --> 00:34:08,600

were in our own country.

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00:34:09,180 --> 00:34:12,180

One of the Goaties' daughters, Gwendolyn,

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00:34:12,180 --> 00:34:14,980

was the same age as Soon.

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00:34:14,980 --> 00:34:19,140

In no time at all, the two of them had fallen in love.

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00:34:19,140 --> 00:34:23,660

But inevitably, the war intervened.

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00:34:23,660 --> 00:34:27,740

In December of 1968, Soon completed his training.

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00:34:27,740 --> 00:34:30,620

He and Gwendolyn had one final night together

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00:34:30,620 --> 00:34:31,540

before they said goodbye.

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00:34:31,600 --> 00:34:32,440

Why are you crying?

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00:34:35,440 --> 00:34:37,840

I don't want you to go.

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00:34:37,840 --> 00:34:39,320

We can leave this place.

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00:34:39,320 --> 00:34:41,200

We could go to Canada or something.

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00:34:41,200 --> 00:34:43,120

Gwen, why not?

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00:34:43,120 --> 00:34:45,280

I can't.

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00:34:45,280 --> 00:34:46,280

Why can't you?

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00:34:49,760 --> 00:34:53,360

Because of my honor as an officer in the Air Force,

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00:34:53,360 --> 00:34:55,520

I could not desert my country.

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00:34:55,520 --> 00:34:56,920

I could not go to Canada.

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00:34:56,920 --> 00:34:58,400

I could not go to Canada.

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00:34:58,400 --> 00:35:00,000

I could not go to Canada.

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00:35:00,180 --> 00:35:03,900

I could not desert my countrymen.

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00:35:03,900 --> 00:35:09,100

And so I said to Gwen, I have to go back.

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00:35:09,100 --> 00:35:12,780

But I hope that someday we would see each other again.

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00:35:15,740 --> 00:35:16,740

I gotta go.

695

00:35:16,740 --> 00:35:17,240

Wait.

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00:35:31,000 --> 00:35:35,040

Within weeks, Soon was flying combat missions in Vietnam.

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00:35:40,280 --> 00:35:42,880

Soon often received letters from Gwendolyn.

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00:35:42,880 --> 00:35:47,240

But one letter carried news that would change his life forever.

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00:35:47,240 --> 00:35:49,120

Gwen was pregnant with his child.

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00:35:52,680 --> 00:35:57,960

After barely escaping from death on a very dangerous mission,

701

00:35:57,960 --> 00:36:00,520

I came back and there was good news.

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00:36:10,040 --> 00:36:14,640

Coming back from a tense mission and hearing the good news,

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00:36:14,640 --> 00:36:19,000

I was so happy at that moment.

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00:36:19,000 --> 00:36:22,080

On August 28, 1969, Gwen Gauthier

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00:36:22,080 --> 00:36:25,080

gave birth to a healthy baby girl and named her Kimberly

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00:36:25,080 --> 00:36:26,720

Karen.

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00:36:26,720 --> 00:36:29,360

When continued to write faithfully,

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00:36:29,360 --> 00:36:31,760

Soon could do nothing except write back.

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00:36:35,760 --> 00:36:38,440

Five long years passed, years in which Soon

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00:36:38,440 --> 00:36:40,560

yearned to see his little girl.

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00:36:40,560 --> 00:36:42,360

He felt frustrated and helpless,

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00:36:42,360 --> 00:36:45,280

caught in the middle of a war more than 9,000 miles away

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00:36:45,280 --> 00:36:46,640

from Kimberly.

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00:36:46,640 --> 00:36:48,560

But fate stepped in.

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00:36:48,560 --> 00:36:52,960

In June of 1974, Soon was sent back to England Air Force base

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00:36:52,960 --> 00:36:53,840

for further training.

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00:36:57,720 --> 00:37:01,320

Gwen's mother was now divorced and living in a mobile home.

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00:37:01,320 --> 00:37:04,760

Soon went to visit her, not knowing whether Gwen and Kimberly

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00:37:04,760 --> 00:37:06,400

lived there.

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00:37:06,400 --> 00:37:08,760

Not knowing whether after five years,

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00:37:08,760 --> 00:37:10,800

Mrs. Gauthier would be friend or foe.

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00:37:13,800 --> 00:37:16,200

I don't believe it.

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00:37:16,200 --> 00:37:17,200

Soon?

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00:37:17,200 --> 00:37:19,200

Hello, Mrs. Gauthier.

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00:37:19,200 --> 00:37:20,200

Oh.

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00:37:20,200 --> 00:37:21,200

Oh.

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00:37:21,400 --> 00:37:22,400

Oh.

728

00:37:27,400 --> 00:37:31,800

She kept saying, oh my god, I cannot believe it.

729

00:37:31,800 --> 00:37:34,880

From what I could understand, she had never imagined

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00:37:34,880 --> 00:37:38,160

that she would see me again or that Kim would ever

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00:37:38,160 --> 00:37:40,720

see me at all.

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00:37:40,720 --> 00:37:44,880

Just waiting to see her, she is the most beautiful little

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00:37:44,880 --> 00:37:47,080

girl in America.

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00:37:47,080 --> 00:37:48,160

Where are they?

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00:37:48,160 --> 00:37:48,640

Houston.

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00:37:51,280 --> 00:37:55,520

You did know that Gwendolyn got married?

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00:37:55,520 --> 00:37:56,320

No.

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00:37:56,320 --> 00:37:57,440

When?

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00:37:57,440 --> 00:38:00,040

Oh, about a year ago.

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00:38:00,040 --> 00:38:03,200

Mrs. Gauthier became Soon's closest ally.

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00:38:03,200 --> 00:38:06,120

She contacted Gwen in Houston and arranged a meeting.

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00:38:10,960 --> 00:38:12,840

Hello, Soon.

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00:38:12,840 --> 00:38:16,440

Hello, Gwen.

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00:38:16,440 --> 00:38:19,000

And I looked at her and knew right away

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00:38:19,000 --> 00:38:21,240

that this was my child.

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00:38:26,080 --> 00:38:28,880

Kimberly, this is Soon.

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00:38:28,880 --> 00:38:30,880

Soon?

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00:38:30,880 --> 00:38:31,780

Soon.

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00:38:33,960 --> 00:38:36,080

Emotions were running high.

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00:38:36,080 --> 00:38:38,480

I really wanted to hug my child.

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00:38:38,480 --> 00:38:41,880

This child had waited so long to see.

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00:38:41,880 --> 00:38:44,880

But the situation simply did not allow it.

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00:38:44,880 --> 00:38:47,680

It's good to see you.

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00:38:47,720 --> 00:38:50,560

Mrs. Gauthier convinced Gwen to let Kimberly come back

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00:38:50,560 --> 00:38:54,200

to Louisiana for the duration of Soon's assignment.

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00:38:54,200 --> 00:38:57,080

For nearly a month, Kimberly lived with her grandmother

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00:38:57,080 --> 00:39:00,160

and Soon spent every free moment with his daughter.

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00:39:00,160 --> 00:39:03,120

Come on, Daddy.

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00:39:03,120 --> 00:39:06,760

Soon had no idea that Mrs. Gauthier had told Kimberly

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00:39:06,760 --> 00:39:08,040

he was her father.

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00:39:08,040 --> 00:39:09,520

What did you say?

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00:39:09,520 --> 00:39:11,200

Daddy?

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00:39:11,200 --> 00:39:12,800

Why, you call me that?

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00:39:12,800 --> 00:39:14,840

Because you are.

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00:39:14,840 --> 00:39:17,080

How do you know that?

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00:39:17,080 --> 00:39:19,440

OK, Kim, come on.

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00:39:19,440 --> 00:39:24,640

Then Kim said, because her hair was black, her eyes were black,

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00:39:24,640 --> 00:39:26,280

and her skin was dark skin.

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00:39:29,560 --> 00:39:31,800

And she was especially proud to point out

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00:39:31,800 --> 00:39:36,000

that she had a flat nose, an Asian nose.

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00:39:41,520 --> 00:39:44,760

Finally, the day Soon had dreaded arrived.

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00:39:44,760 --> 00:39:47,880

I thought she'd come with me tomorrow to airport.

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00:39:47,880 --> 00:39:50,840

When came to take Kimberly back to Houston,

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00:39:50,840 --> 00:39:53,440

Soon knew the war was not going well,

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00:39:53,440 --> 00:39:58,080

that he might never be able to return to his daughter.

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00:39:58,080 --> 00:40:01,280

Can't you stay one more day?

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00:40:01,280 --> 00:40:02,880

No, she can't.

778

00:40:02,880 --> 00:40:04,440

This isn't a fairy tale, Soon.

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00:40:04,440 --> 00:40:07,800

You're going back to Vietnam tomorrow.

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00:40:07,800 --> 00:40:08,680

We got to go.

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00:40:15,760 --> 00:40:21,760

The time had been so short, and now we were parting.

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00:40:21,760 --> 00:40:25,760

I didn't know if I would ever see my daughter again.

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00:40:25,760 --> 00:40:28,760

I couldn't control myself.

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00:40:28,760 --> 00:40:31,760

I broke down and cried.

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00:40:31,760 --> 00:40:33,760

And that's the truth.

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00:40:40,760 --> 00:40:43,760

Soon shipped out of South Vietnam in July of 1970,

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00:40:43,760 --> 00:40:46,200

July of 1974.

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00:40:46,200 --> 00:40:49,600

In less than a year, Saigon fell to the communist government

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00:40:49,600 --> 00:40:52,600

of North Vietnam.

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00:40:52,600 --> 00:40:55,400

Along with thousands of other South Vietnamese,

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00:40:55,400 --> 00:40:58,640

Soon was incarcerated in a reeducation camp,

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00:40:58,640 --> 00:41:00,760

where he languished for nearly 10 years.

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00:41:03,600 --> 00:41:06,880

In 1984, Soon was released from the camp.

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00:41:06,880 --> 00:41:09,920

Two years later, he married and eventually had two children.

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00:41:10,640 --> 00:41:14,120

In 1993, Soon and his family immigrated to the United

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00:41:14,120 --> 00:41:18,600

States, where Soon has continued the search for his daughter.

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00:41:18,600 --> 00:41:21,880

And on our broadcast, he asked if someone in our audience

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00:41:21,880 --> 00:41:25,320

could help reunite them.

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00:41:25,320 --> 00:41:27,520

That night, the switchboard in our phone center

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00:41:27,520 --> 00:41:30,720

lit up with calls from Kimberly's friends and family.

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00:41:30,720 --> 00:41:33,040

Kimberly, who lives in Pineville, Louisiana,

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00:41:33,040 --> 00:41:36,000

was thrilled to learn the Soon was looking for her.

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00:41:36,000 --> 00:41:39,520

Over the years, Kimberly was looking for her.

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00:41:39,520 --> 00:41:41,240

Years Kimberly had searched for Soon,

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00:41:41,240 --> 00:41:43,800

but had always run into dead ends.

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00:41:43,800 --> 00:41:46,240

Now she was anxious to be with her father again.

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00:41:48,880 --> 00:41:51,800

A few days later, Soon and his American sponsor

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00:41:51,800 --> 00:41:55,640

traveled to Louisiana for an emotional reunion with Kimberly.

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00:41:55,640 --> 00:41:58,600

It was her first time together in more than 20 years.

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00:41:58,600 --> 00:41:59,500

Hi.

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00:41:59,500 --> 00:42:00,400

Hey.

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00:42:00,400 --> 00:42:01,300

Oh.

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00:42:01,340 --> 00:42:02,100

Oh.

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00:42:07,380 --> 00:42:09,780

Soon was overcome with emotion.

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00:42:09,780 --> 00:42:14,380

Still, he wanted to convey his feelings in English.

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00:42:14,380 --> 00:42:20,500

When Vietnam, I never, I know never think I can not,

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00:42:20,500 --> 00:42:22,860

I can't meet her.

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00:42:22,860 --> 00:42:25,660

But now, it's my dream to be true.

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00:42:28,140 --> 00:42:31,100

I'm very, very happy.

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00:42:32,100 --> 00:42:36,740

And then we hugged, and then we said hello.

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00:42:36,740 --> 00:42:42,020

And then it was just, you can't describe the feeling.

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00:42:42,020 --> 00:42:45,460

It was just like, nice.

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00:42:45,460 --> 00:42:48,540

It doesn't do the feeling justice,

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00:42:48,540 --> 00:42:51,020

but it was just incredible, fantastic.

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00:42:51,020 --> 00:42:52,740

It was great.

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00:42:55,580 --> 00:42:58,520

Later that day, Soon celebrated with 20 members

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00:42:58,520 --> 00:43:01,520

of Kimberly's family, including her mother, Gwendolyn.

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00:43:05,360 --> 00:43:09,360

To see them together is just a dream come true.

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00:43:12,200 --> 00:43:16,440

A fairy tale that had had some bad detours,

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00:43:16,440 --> 00:43:19,480

but it came to a happy ending.

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00:43:19,480 --> 00:43:23,800

Oh, this is a big day, a happy day.

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00:43:23,800 --> 00:43:27,520

I think I cannot forget it.

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00:43:27,520 --> 00:43:28,520

Me, OK.

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00:43:28,520 --> 00:43:29,520

Oh, no.

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00:43:29,520 --> 00:43:31,320

That's not fair.

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00:43:31,320 --> 00:43:32,920

OK, then I want to enter.

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00:43:32,920 --> 00:43:37,760

I knew that wherever he was, that he loved me.

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00:43:37,760 --> 00:43:40,680

And I was always starting in my heart that one day,

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00:43:40,680 --> 00:43:42,080

we would be back together.

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00:43:42,080 --> 00:43:44,240

We want to go to Krak, you enjoy it.

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00:43:44,240 --> 00:43:46,200

I love you.

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00:43:46,200 --> 00:43:48,960

For Soon and Kimberly, the end of their long search

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00:43:48,960 --> 00:43:52,800

marked the beginning of a new life for both of them.

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00:43:57,760 --> 00:44:03,560

Next week, Unsolved Mysteries travels to Lourdes, France,

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00:44:03,560 --> 00:44:07,000

one of the world's most mystical and revered locales.

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00:44:07,000 --> 00:44:10,200

Since 1858, millions of religious pilgrims

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00:44:10,200 --> 00:44:12,880

have visited the Basilica, where the spring waters are

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00:44:12,880 --> 00:44:16,280

said to have the divine power to cure the sick.

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00:44:16,280 --> 00:44:19,240

In this fascinating study, meet two women

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00:44:19,240 --> 00:44:23,720

who believe their illnesses were cured by a miracle at Lourdes.

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00:44:24,720 --> 00:44:27,480

For every mystery, there is someone, somewhere,

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00:44:27,480 --> 00:44:29,280

who knows the truth.

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00:44:29,280 --> 00:44:32,040

Perhaps it's you.

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00:44:32,040 --> 00:44:35,200

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