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

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

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to see is not a news broadcast.

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Recently, strange unexplained lights have been spotted and photographed in the night

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sky. Some aviation researchers believe these amateur videos contain evidence that the Air

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Force has developed a new generation of sophisticated aircraft, but the Air Force says they are

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not ours.

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In Ohio, Dave Box vanished while working the night shift at a plant that processed high

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grade uranium for nuclear weapons. Several days later, unidentifiable human remains

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were found in one of the plant furnaces. Dave Box's family believes he was murdered to prevent

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him from blowing the whistle on safety violations and illegal radioactive dumping. At a fascinating

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look at one of the mysteries of the animal world, we will follow two ordinary house

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pets, a cat and a dog, who became lost and then traveled more than 100 miles through

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unknown terrain to somehow find their owners.

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Join me for these intriguing news stories and more on another edition of Unsolved Mysteries.

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In the films, with a loyal and resourceful collie with miraculously make way across mountains

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and through forests to find her way home, well, it might not be as implausible as you think.

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We've heard of a number of animals, common household pets, who somehow travel incredible

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distances guided by their own mysterious radar to be reunited with their owners. There is

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no scientific explanation for this remarkable phenomenon. It is truly one of nature's most

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baffling mysteries.

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Sue Anderson of Baltimore, Maryland has been an animal lover for as long as she can remember.

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In the spring of 1992, Sue packed her belongings for a cross-country move to Modesto, California.

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The last things she loaded up in the van were her most valued possessions, her five beloved

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cats.

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I had puss and Cinderella and Woolly Booger and Nova and Stardust. They're like children

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to me in a way, and I feel when I take on the responsibility of a pet, then that responsibility

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is mine until the pet dies.

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Sue caravanned with her brother, who was also moving west. The two of them, along with the

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five cats, set off in tandem for California. For Sue's feline family, who were all house

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cats, it was the first time they had been further from home than the local vet. Sue felt a special

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affinity for Nova, a black short hair.

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I got Nova about four years ago. She was left outside of my apartment. She was cold and

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00:03:57,840 --> 00:04:03,920

frightened and hungry, and knew that she was being deserted. She just kind of clung to

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me and got very attached to me, and ever since then it's been a very, very close relationship.

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Near the end of the trip, Sue says Nova began acting strangely.

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She would climb up on the seat behind me, and she would talk in my ear. She would get up

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on the dash, and I would have to pull her down so that I could see around her. She would

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sit in my lap and get very affectionate and want to be petted. Animals that have left

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that I've had, that have run away, or got separated from me in the past, always acted

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extremely affectionate. It's like they were saying, one final farewell.

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After ten days on the road, Sue and her brother finally made it to California.

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Hi. How are you doing?

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Exhausted, they pulled into a rest stop south of Bakersfield, 200 miles from Modesto, their

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final destination. They planned to sleep until daybreak before pushing on.

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Oh, no. I felt devastated. She was in a strange place. I'd never been here before, and it

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scared me. I was worried about her survival. Sue's premonition about Nova had apparently

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come true. She and her brother searched for an hour, but in the end, Sue had to leave

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Nova behind. I was very, very anxious about her, very, very frightened. I was very, very

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00:05:49,200 --> 00:05:56,200

anxious about her survival. I was very, very anxious about her survival. I was very, very

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anxious about her survival. In the end, Sue had to leave Nova behind.

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I was very, very anxious about her, very, very frightened for her, and very upset about the

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whole incident.

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During the next few weeks, Sue started a job in San Jose and made new friends, but Nova

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was never far from her thoughts. A sympathetic co-worker gave Sue a picture of a black cat

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as a memento.

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Every day when she got to work, Sue

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would take a few minutes to gaze at the picture

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00:06:31,080 --> 00:06:35,880

and pray that Nova would somehow find her.

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People would stop by.

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00:06:36,920 --> 00:06:39,200

They would always stop and say, oh, get real.

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00:06:39,200 --> 00:06:40,480

She's never going to come back.

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00:06:40,480 --> 00:06:41,600

You know, you're just dreaming.

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00:06:41,600 --> 00:06:44,000

And I said, well, maybe one day she will.

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So I kept it up there the entire time I was working there.

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Who's kidding for you?

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A full year passed.

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Then on July 16, 1993, Sue came across two stray cats

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outside of work.

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Get it.

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00:07:01,360 --> 00:07:02,360

Get it.

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00:07:02,360 --> 00:07:03,360

Get it.

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00:07:03,360 --> 00:07:04,360

Get it.

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00:07:04,360 --> 00:07:05,360

Come here.

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00:07:05,360 --> 00:07:06,360

Get it.

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00:07:06,360 --> 00:07:07,360

Get it.

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00:07:07,360 --> 00:07:08,360

Get it.

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00:07:08,360 --> 00:07:09,360

Come here.

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00:07:09,360 --> 00:07:12,400

To Sue's amazement and against all odds,

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00:07:12,400 --> 00:07:15,040

Nova had journeyed some 250 miles

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00:07:15,040 --> 00:07:17,440

through completely foreign territory

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00:07:17,440 --> 00:07:18,720

to find her way to Sue.

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00:07:23,840 --> 00:07:26,600

She had a mole inside her ear.

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She had five or six distinguishing white hairs

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00:07:31,720 --> 00:07:33,840

on her chest.

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00:07:33,840 --> 00:07:35,360

And she let me look at her claws,

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00:07:35,360 --> 00:07:36,880

and I could identify her claws.

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00:07:36,880 --> 00:07:40,120

All these things were adding up that this was indeed my cat.

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How can we explain Nova's incredible journey?

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Noted animal behaviorist Miriam Yarden theorizes

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that owners and their pets can form a bond strong enough

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00:07:58,080 --> 00:08:00,120

to develop a kind of mental telepathy.

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She told me that she spent 10 to 12 hours at her place of work.

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00:08:08,120 --> 00:08:12,920

And by thinking of the cat and seeing her own surroundings

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00:08:12,960 --> 00:08:16,480

subconsciously, she was sending the visual images to the cat.

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00:08:16,480 --> 00:08:17,680

Come to this area.

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00:08:17,680 --> 00:08:18,680

Come to this place.

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00:08:18,680 --> 00:08:20,080

This is where I am.

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00:08:25,200 --> 00:08:26,200

Can I prove it?

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00:08:26,200 --> 00:08:28,200

No.

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00:08:28,200 --> 00:08:30,200

Anyone can disprove it?

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00:08:30,200 --> 00:08:32,200

Probably not.

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00:08:32,200 --> 00:08:34,200

We don't know.

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00:08:34,200 --> 00:08:36,200

That's half the fun in this particular case

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00:08:36,200 --> 00:08:38,560

that we can theorize.

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00:08:38,560 --> 00:08:41,920

I like to think that the cat is a very, very, very

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00:08:42,000 --> 00:08:45,160

I like to think that there is enough of a bonding

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00:08:45,160 --> 00:08:49,840

that if you really believe in your capacity to love

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00:08:49,840 --> 00:08:53,640

and let that love be a kind of a guiding light,

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00:08:53,640 --> 00:08:56,920

that they will use that love to get back to us when they want to.

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00:08:56,920 --> 00:08:59,440

And that that's a sort of communication in its own way.

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00:09:08,160 --> 00:09:11,280

Mother's Day weekend, 1992.

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00:09:11,320 --> 00:09:14,200

John and Susan Riesgraf of the Luth, Minnesota

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00:09:14,200 --> 00:09:16,360

and their three children arrived at a cabin

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00:09:16,360 --> 00:09:18,800

on the edge of Bear Head Lake State Park,

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00:09:18,800 --> 00:09:21,760

100 miles from their home.

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00:09:21,760 --> 00:09:25,640

The Riesgrafs had brought along their dogs, Lady Akali

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00:09:25,640 --> 00:09:29,000

and Wolfka of Belgian Shepherd.

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00:09:29,000 --> 00:09:30,360

It was springtime.

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00:09:30,360 --> 00:09:32,520

Ice was coming off the lake.

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00:09:32,520 --> 00:09:34,080

Green leaves were starting to bud out.

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00:09:34,080 --> 00:09:36,320

And it was just a good time to take a break.

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00:09:36,320 --> 00:09:38,840

And we were real excited to be there and go for hikes

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00:09:38,840 --> 00:09:40,240

and take the dogs out.

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00:09:41,640 --> 00:09:42,600

Come on, come on, Lady.

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00:09:42,600 --> 00:09:43,480

Come on, Wolfka.

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00:09:43,480 --> 00:09:44,360

Have a good ride, dog.

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00:09:44,360 --> 00:09:46,840

The Riesgrafs had been to the cabin on several occasions

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00:09:46,840 --> 00:09:48,520

and felt perfectly comfortable letting

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00:09:48,520 --> 00:09:50,840

the dogs out on their own.

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00:09:50,840 --> 00:09:53,920

Normally, Lady and Wolfka returned within an hour.

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00:09:53,920 --> 00:09:55,760

Lady, come on, Lady.

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00:09:55,760 --> 00:09:57,000

But this time was different.

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00:09:57,000 --> 00:09:59,320

Wolfka, Wolfka.

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00:09:59,320 --> 00:10:02,080

We called for them to come in and they didn't show.

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00:10:02,080 --> 00:10:04,880

And we thought, well, they're maybe chasing a rabbit or something.

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00:10:04,880 --> 00:10:07,240

And we called continually through the morning

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00:10:07,240 --> 00:10:08,320

and they didn't show up.

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00:10:08,320 --> 00:10:10,040

And so we were concerned.

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00:10:10,040 --> 00:10:12,880

And we were looking for them on the trails, calling for them.

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00:10:12,880 --> 00:10:15,200

And we thought they would show up.

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00:10:15,200 --> 00:10:15,840

And they didn't.

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00:10:21,080 --> 00:10:24,400

The next day, a forest fire erupted just a few miles

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00:10:24,400 --> 00:10:26,840

southwest of the Riesgrafs cabin.

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00:10:26,840 --> 00:10:29,080

The flames were headed in their direction.

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00:10:29,080 --> 00:10:30,960

They had to evacuate immediately.

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00:10:33,560 --> 00:10:36,000

Leaving without the dogs was especially difficult

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00:10:36,000 --> 00:10:39,240

for seven-year-old Hannah, who had literally grown up

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00:10:39,240 --> 00:10:41,960

with Lady and Wolfka.

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00:10:41,960 --> 00:10:46,480

I was scared because I didn't know where they go

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00:10:46,480 --> 00:10:48,240

and wish we could have stayed.

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00:10:52,360 --> 00:10:56,120

When my mom told me that we were leaving, I felt sad.

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00:10:56,120 --> 00:10:58,240

And I wish we didn't have to leave.

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00:11:02,280 --> 00:11:04,040

The fire was devastating.

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00:11:04,040 --> 00:11:06,360

It burned out of control for three days

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00:11:06,360 --> 00:11:09,160

and consumed more than 9,000 acres of timberland.

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00:11:13,480 --> 00:11:16,360

From their home in Duluth, 100 miles away,

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00:11:16,360 --> 00:11:18,840

the Riesgrafs could do little more than wait

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00:11:18,840 --> 00:11:21,600

and hope for the best.

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00:11:21,600 --> 00:11:24,200

We had called Susan's father.

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00:11:24,200 --> 00:11:27,960

And I had asked him to go back to the cabin a few times

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00:11:27,960 --> 00:11:31,800

because I thought they would come back to the cabin.

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00:11:31,800 --> 00:11:34,680

I thought that would be our best hope.

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00:11:34,680 --> 00:11:39,280

But then he had done that and had not seen anything.

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00:11:39,280 --> 00:11:41,320

OK, honey, what do you want to pray for tonight?

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00:11:41,320 --> 00:11:44,680

Hannah, however, refused to give in to the unthinkable,

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00:11:44,680 --> 00:11:47,360

especially in the case of Lady, her favorite.

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00:11:47,360 --> 00:11:50,440

Please help Lady find her way home.

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00:11:50,440 --> 00:11:53,880

Please protect her and keep her safe.

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00:11:53,880 --> 00:11:56,800

Please paint her home very soon, Amen.

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

Every night in my bed, I would pray because I knew that the Lord,

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00:12:00,800 --> 00:12:04,640

if it was his will, that she would come home.

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00:12:04,680 --> 00:12:07,320

And I felt that she would.

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00:12:11,400 --> 00:12:14,120

Almost two weeks after Lady disappeared,

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00:12:14,120 --> 00:12:16,440

a hungry, bedraggled collie wandered up

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00:12:16,440 --> 00:12:19,040

to a house on the outskirts of Duluth.

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00:12:19,040 --> 00:12:22,000

Incredibly, Hannah's prayers had been answered.

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00:12:22,000 --> 00:12:23,200

Where did you come from?

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00:12:23,200 --> 00:12:24,400

Hello.

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00:12:24,400 --> 00:12:27,160

Well, let me see if you get a collar.

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00:12:27,160 --> 00:12:29,120

Wonderful.

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00:12:29,120 --> 00:12:30,080

Oh, I got a honey.

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00:12:30,080 --> 00:12:32,080

OK.

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00:12:32,080 --> 00:12:33,800

Hello.

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00:12:34,440 --> 00:12:36,040

Yes, this is a rescraf family.

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00:12:36,040 --> 00:12:37,040

Is that my mother?

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00:12:37,040 --> 00:12:38,040

All right.

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00:12:38,040 --> 00:12:39,040

What?

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00:12:39,040 --> 00:12:40,040

Wait, you found Lady?

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00:12:40,040 --> 00:12:41,040

We found Lady?

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00:12:41,040 --> 00:12:46,400

Out of the blue, some folks that were about 15 miles from our house

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00:12:46,400 --> 00:12:49,360

called and said, your dog is in our yard.

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00:12:49,360 --> 00:12:51,000

And I said, what?

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00:12:51,000 --> 00:12:52,720

And they said, your dog is a collie.

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00:12:52,720 --> 00:12:53,720

Her name is Lady.

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00:12:53,720 --> 00:12:54,840

Is this the telephone number?

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00:12:54,840 --> 00:12:55,960

I said, yes.

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00:12:55,960 --> 00:13:00,320

And I said, do you realize this dog has traveled a long way

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

to get to your yard?

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00:13:04,160 --> 00:13:09,560

Finally, after 13 days apart, Lady

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00:13:09,560 --> 00:13:11,320

was reunited with her family.

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00:13:11,320 --> 00:13:12,280

Lady.

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00:13:12,280 --> 00:13:13,280

Lady.

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00:13:13,280 --> 00:13:15,280

Lady.

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00:13:15,280 --> 00:13:16,280

Lady.

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00:13:16,280 --> 00:13:17,280

Lady.

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00:13:17,280 --> 00:13:18,840

Oh.

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00:13:18,840 --> 00:13:21,920

I felt really happy that she was back,

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00:13:21,920 --> 00:13:25,240

and that she would be with our family again.

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00:13:25,240 --> 00:13:26,120

I was happy.

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00:13:29,360 --> 00:13:32,880

Lady's amazing adventure made headlines in Duluth.

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00:13:32,880 --> 00:13:36,200

Before long, several people contacted the rescuers,

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00:13:36,200 --> 00:13:39,000

and they learned just how far Lady had traveled

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00:13:39,000 --> 00:13:40,600

to make her way back home.

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00:13:44,920 --> 00:13:47,240

A few days after Lady's disappearance,

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00:13:47,240 --> 00:13:52,000

a railroad worker spotted a collie 30 miles from the cabin.

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00:13:52,000 --> 00:13:56,040

The dog was following a set of tracks leading east.

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00:13:56,040 --> 00:13:57,800

What's a dog like that doing out here?

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00:13:58,800 --> 00:14:03,320

The eyewitness said that when he tried to approach the dog,

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00:14:03,320 --> 00:14:06,600

she avoided him and remained steadfast on her course.

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00:14:09,680 --> 00:14:12,120

About a week later, another eyewitness

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00:14:12,120 --> 00:14:14,840

spotted a collie near an old logging trail,

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00:14:14,840 --> 00:14:17,200

approximately 15 miles from Duluth.

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00:14:19,960 --> 00:14:23,640

Lady's incredible journey had begun here at the cabin.

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00:14:23,640 --> 00:14:26,400

The rescrapers now believe that as a fire spread,

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00:14:26,400 --> 00:14:30,240

she may have traveled east into the superior national forest.

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00:14:30,240 --> 00:14:33,800

She then swung south towards the city of Isabella.

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00:14:33,800 --> 00:14:37,440

Over the next few days, Lady was spotted by the railroad worker

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00:14:37,440 --> 00:14:40,600

and later along the old logging trail.

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00:14:40,600 --> 00:14:44,040

Eventually, Lady ended up on the outskirts of Duluth.

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00:14:44,040 --> 00:14:47,240

All together, she had traveled more than 150 miles.

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00:14:51,040 --> 00:14:53,040

The rescrapers have no doubt that Lady

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00:14:53,040 --> 00:14:54,880

would have made her way to their house

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00:14:54,880 --> 00:14:59,240

if she had not been taken in by the kindly couple.

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00:14:59,240 --> 00:15:02,840

She's found her home and she's there to stay.

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00:15:02,840 --> 00:15:06,440

Since this long walk home, she stays home.

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00:15:06,440 --> 00:15:09,600

It's like she realized, too, this is my family.

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00:15:09,600 --> 00:15:12,880

And we just appreciate her whole lot more.

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00:15:15,520 --> 00:15:17,960

Unfortunately, the rescrapers still do not

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00:15:17,960 --> 00:15:20,800

know what happened to their other dog, Wolfka.

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00:15:20,800 --> 00:15:22,720

They can only hope that he is safe,

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00:15:22,760 --> 00:15:27,560

perhaps adopted by a caring stranger.

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00:15:27,560 --> 00:15:29,600

While Lady was successful in her journey,

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00:15:29,600 --> 00:15:32,760

and Wolfka was not, is one of life's mysteries.

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00:15:32,760 --> 00:15:35,840

Perhaps, just perhaps, Lady's success

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00:15:35,840 --> 00:15:39,280

can be attributed to the powerful force she had guiding her,

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00:15:39,280 --> 00:15:40,720

the love of a small child.

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00:15:44,320 --> 00:15:47,800

When we return, strange lights in the night sky,

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00:15:47,800 --> 00:15:52,360

UFOs, a secret aircraft developed by our military.

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00:15:53,720 --> 00:15:58,920

At one time or another, we have all looked up at the night sky

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00:15:58,920 --> 00:16:02,440

and seen something which we just cannot explain.

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00:16:02,440 --> 00:16:05,360

Recently, there's been a rash of such sightings,

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00:16:05,360 --> 00:16:07,280

unidentifiable lights and objects

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00:16:07,280 --> 00:16:10,080

that seem to move like nothing known to man.

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00:16:10,080 --> 00:16:13,280

Some say they are UFOs, others speculate

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00:16:13,280 --> 00:16:16,160

that they are a new generation of sophisticated military

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00:16:16,160 --> 00:16:19,120

aircraft.

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00:16:19,120 --> 00:16:21,520

This video was shot by a camera crew hired

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00:16:21,520 --> 00:16:23,960

by Aviation Week magazine.

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00:16:23,960 --> 00:16:26,800

Eyewitnesses say it shows a pencil-thin aircraft

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00:16:26,800 --> 00:16:29,480

trailing balls of golden light.

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00:16:29,480 --> 00:16:33,080

Some believe it is evidence of an exotic new propulsion system.

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00:16:36,560 --> 00:16:38,920

In this footage, a conventional airplane

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00:16:38,920 --> 00:16:42,560

seen here was being filmed when a mysterious object suddenly

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00:16:42,560 --> 00:16:44,040

appeared.

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00:16:44,040 --> 00:16:46,200

The object traveled at a high rate of speed

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00:16:46,200 --> 00:16:50,920

and exhibited pinpoint maneuverability.

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00:16:50,960 --> 00:16:53,640

In this haunting image, several eyewitnesses

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00:16:53,640 --> 00:16:56,880

observed an unusual light source, possibly an aircraft,

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00:16:56,880 --> 00:16:58,520

hovering over the Nevada desert.

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00:17:02,280 --> 00:17:04,840

And here, an unknown wedge-shaped object

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00:17:04,840 --> 00:17:08,720

which made no noise flies over Roswell, New Mexico.

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00:17:08,720 --> 00:17:10,880

The footage was shot by a man named Stephen

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Douglas of Amarillo, Texas.

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People have been siding and witnessing aircraft

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00:17:18,320 --> 00:17:20,800

that can do fantastic, amazing things.

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00:17:20,800 --> 00:17:24,360

I mean, high speed, stop on a dime,

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00:17:24,360 --> 00:17:28,960

turn like a ballet dancer, or move incredibly slow.

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00:17:28,960 --> 00:17:32,240

The mystery behind this is there seems

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00:17:32,240 --> 00:17:37,000

to be some aircraft that have some fantastic flying

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00:17:37,000 --> 00:17:40,760

abilities that seem to be a quantum leap over anything

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00:17:40,760 --> 00:17:42,000

that's previously known.

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00:17:46,560 --> 00:17:48,680

Stephen Douglas spends much of his time

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00:17:48,680 --> 00:17:52,920

trying to unravel the mystery of these unidentified aircraft.

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00:17:52,920 --> 00:17:55,680

Douglas is an aviation enthusiast and journalist

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00:17:55,680 --> 00:17:59,560

who publishes a newsletter called Intercepts.

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00:17:59,560 --> 00:18:02,360

Douglas believes that the mysterious lights are, in fact,

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00:18:02,360 --> 00:18:06,600

experimental military jets, which are being kept under wraps,

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00:18:06,600 --> 00:18:11,960

just as the legendary stealth fighter was for nearly a decade.

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Until it was publicly unveiled in 1988,

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00:18:14,960 --> 00:18:17,440

the Air Force for National Security reasons

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00:18:17,440 --> 00:18:21,800

would not confirm rumors that the stealth was being tested.

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Recently, there's been similar speculation

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00:18:24,000 --> 00:18:26,880

about a new spy plane reputed to travel espies

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exceeding Mach 6.

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In 1992, Stephen Douglas obtained

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00:18:31,840 --> 00:18:34,800

what he believes is evidence that the plane may actually

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00:18:34,800 --> 00:18:35,280

exist.

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00:18:38,400 --> 00:18:41,080

It was probably about 11 AM.

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00:18:41,080 --> 00:18:45,400

And the house began to rattle.

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00:18:45,400 --> 00:18:46,320

Let me call you back.

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00:18:46,320 --> 00:18:47,880

This house just really shook.

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00:18:47,880 --> 00:18:50,040

I'm going to find out what it is, and I'll give you a call back.

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00:18:50,040 --> 00:18:55,000

It was more of a vibration that was felt and not heard.

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00:18:55,000 --> 00:19:00,160

So I went outside, and there was this aircraft flying by

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00:19:00,160 --> 00:19:02,320

over the house incredibly fast.

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00:19:02,320 --> 00:19:04,720

I've seen a lot of aircraft crisscross the skies around here,

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00:19:04,720 --> 00:19:08,720

but this thing, I couldn't believe how fast it was moving.

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00:19:08,720 --> 00:19:13,240

And behind it, it left a contrail that was unique,

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00:19:13,240 --> 00:19:16,960

what they call a donuts on a rope contrail.

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00:19:16,960 --> 00:19:20,560

Stephen Douglas took this photograph of the contrail.

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00:19:20,560 --> 00:19:22,640

Some aviation researchers believe it

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00:19:22,640 --> 00:19:25,800

might have been made by what is known as a pulse detonation

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00:19:25,800 --> 00:19:29,840

wave engine, an experimental technology allegedly used

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00:19:29,840 --> 00:19:31,760

in the spy plane.

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00:19:31,760 --> 00:19:35,120

The Air Force was unable to identify the source of the contrail

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00:19:35,120 --> 00:19:38,800

in the photograph, which raises an intriguing question.

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00:19:38,800 --> 00:19:41,440

If it is not one of our planes, whose is it?

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00:19:44,240 --> 00:19:48,240

A year later, Douglas had another unusual sighting.

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00:19:48,240 --> 00:19:51,400

He and his father-in-law, Elwood, were in Roswell, New Mexico

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to videotape military airplanes that were participating

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00:19:54,520 --> 00:19:56,840

in mock war games.

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00:19:56,840 --> 00:19:59,920

Shortly after a group of B-1 bombers took off,

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00:19:59,920 --> 00:20:03,640

an unidentified aircraft entered the area.

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00:20:03,640 --> 00:20:04,960

Can you tell what that is?

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00:20:04,960 --> 00:20:07,920

Elwood noticed an aircraft coming towards us

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00:20:07,920 --> 00:20:11,160

from the southwest.

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As soon as I started shooting tape,

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00:20:13,480 --> 00:20:16,600

the battery light in the camera told me

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00:20:16,600 --> 00:20:19,200

that the batteries were about exhausted.

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00:20:19,200 --> 00:20:21,440

I got approximately seven to 10 seconds

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00:20:21,440 --> 00:20:26,680

before the batteries quit in the camera.

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00:20:26,680 --> 00:20:28,480

We couldn't hear any sound at all.

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00:20:28,480 --> 00:20:31,240

This aircraft made no sound at all.

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00:20:31,240 --> 00:20:33,760

It was just super quiet.

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00:20:33,760 --> 00:20:37,200

It looked like a flying triangle.

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And immediately, I knew it must have been TR-3A Black Manta.

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The TR-3A Black Manta is another high-tech aircraft

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that is widely rumored to exist.

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The matter is thought to be a reconnaissance

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plane, which operates in tandem with a stealth fighter.

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But in a statement issued to Unsolved Mysteries,

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the Air Force said of the Manta, quote,

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it has no basis in reality.

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When the Air Force analyzed Douglas's footage,

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00:21:07,720 --> 00:21:12,640

they believed the aircraft might be a Navy EA-6B Prouler.

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However, the Navy could not identify the plane,

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citing the poor quality of the videotape.

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A computer enhancement of a frame from the videotape

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00:21:22,080 --> 00:21:25,360

appears to show a triangular-shaped wedge.

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00:21:25,360 --> 00:21:27,840

Douglas claims the object was virtually silent

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and moves slower than conventional military aircraft.

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00:21:31,680 --> 00:21:34,120

But if the aircraft does not belong to the Air Force

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00:21:34,160 --> 00:21:36,400

and cannot be identified by the Navy,

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the same question remains, whose is it?

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One of the intriguing aspects of this story

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is that the airport where Douglas shot his footage

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is in the same area where one of the most controversial UFO

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episodes took place more than 40 years ago.

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In 1947, Army investigators from Roswell Air Base

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went public with the shocking news

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that a flying saucer had crashed on a ranch in rural New Mexico.

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A few days later, the Army reversed itself

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and claimed that what had actually been found

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was a downed weather balloon.

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Nevertheless, many people are convinced

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that the Army did recover the wreckage

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and the aircraft was able to move forward.

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However, the Army was not able to do so.

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It was convinced that the Army did recover the wreckage

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of a craft from somewhere other than Earth

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and that now, even more incredibly,

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the military has somehow managed to glean the secrets

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of the UFO to achieve a breakthrough

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in aviation technology.

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These aircraft are doing things which a lot of physicists

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have generally said are not possible.

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They're maneuvers.

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They're the way they fly, how fast they are.

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One of the mysteries is how they made the leap.

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There are some that speculate that maybe this technology was

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gleaned from alien technology that somehow either we have

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recovered or has been here for a while.

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UFO technology to power the next generation

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of military aircraft, at best it is difficult to accept.

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Stephen Douglas believes the planes he has seen were developed

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by our military using conventional technology.

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Yet the military says such aircraft do not exist.

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Is there another explanation?

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If the Pentagon has the answer, they are not saying.

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And perhaps, just perhaps, it is better that way.

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On a prior broadcast, we explored one of the great mysteries

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of religion, the Shroud of Turin.

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According to the Bible, after Jesus was crucified,

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he was wrapped in a linen shroud.

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More than 1,000 years later, a 3 1/2 by 14-foot linen cloth

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mysteriously turned up in France.

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It showed the faint image of a man's body, front and back.

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Ever since, believers have hailed this cloth as a marvelous relic.

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They claim that Christ was buried in the shroud

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and that his image was miraculously imprinted on the cloth

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at the moment of resurrection.

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When I first began to study the Shroud of Turin,

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I was convinced it was a crock

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and that it would take me probably less than two hours

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to put away this pious fraud.

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After all, anyone with an IQ of 100 or over

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knows that all relics by definition are frauds.

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But I must admit, here I am some 17 years later,

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I who came to Scalf have stayed to pray.

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My personal belief is that the Shroud is probably authentic.

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Skeptics regard this Shroud as a masterful painting,

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a work of an unknown Renaissance artist.

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However, those who believe the Shroud was painted

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are hard pressed to explain two distinct attributes.

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First, the total absence of brushstrokes.

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Also, when the Shroud's image is analyzed by computer,

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it projects a remarkable three-dimensional picture

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almost like a sculpture.

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Virtually no other work of art has this characteristic.

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When all was said and done,

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it seemed like the Shroud would remain a tantalizing mystery,

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the source of endless speculation.

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It was certainly the last story we ever expected to update.

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But for every mystery, there is someone, somewhere,

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who never gives up trying to find a solution.

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Dr. Emily Craig, a forensic anthropologist

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and medical illustrator, claims that she has figured out the secret.

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Using dry paint pigments, ground into a fine powder.

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Dr. Craig has created an image on cloth

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that she believes replicates the distinct qualities of the Shroud.

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It is an ancient technique known as dust drawing.

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I think it goes back to cave paintings.

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It goes back thousands of years.

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They've used carbon dust and ochres

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and different natural occurring pigments for centuries.

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Working first on paper, Dr. Craig applies the dust more heavily

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for the raised features of the face, the forehead, nose, lips and chin.

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The lower areas receive less pigment.

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Once it's done to my satisfaction,

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I'm going to take a piece of linen, you lay the linen down

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00:27:07,440 --> 00:27:13,440

and then taking a wooden spoon or any flat, flexible object.

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We're just going to rub the entire image and make a direct transfer.

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The image, now on linen, satisfies one of the Shroud's main attributes.

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There are no brush strokes.

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Dr. Randy Brzee, a textile scientist, is Dr. Craig's partner.

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He put the dust drawing to his most important test,

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the same computer analysis that revealed the Shroud's hidden 3D properties.

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The tests show that Dr. Craig's method

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can produce the singular 3D attribute of the Shroud.

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What we have accomplished, I believe, is that we have demonstrated

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that a miracle is not required to produce the image on the Shroud of Turin.

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And it can be drawn on there in a simple, straightforward manner.

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For half a millennium, the image on the Shroud of Turin

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has challenged believers and skeptics alike.

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Have its secrets finally been revealed?

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Emily Craig and Randy Brzee believe that they have discovered how the Shroud was created.

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However, not everyone in the art world or the religious community is convinced.

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Perhaps the mystery of the Shroud will and should remain forever unsolved.

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The small community of Fernald, Ohio lies in the midst of farm country, 20 miles from Cincinnati.

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For many years, the town's main employer was this factory,

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the Feed Materials Production Center, also known as NLO.

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The casual observer would never guess that NLO was in fact

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owned by the Department of Energy.

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From 1953 to 1989, it was one of the few plants in the United States

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which processed high-grade uranium for use in nuclear weapons.

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When I was hired in there, they said that it was a low-level radiation plant.

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And that you didn't have anything to worry about.

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And I was told that it was a low-level radiation plant.

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And that you didn't have anything to worry about.

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There was nothing back there that would bother you.

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And just, you know, go on about your business,

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not to tell anybody what you were doing.

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And everything would be fine.

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However, conditions in the factory were anything but fine.

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In the fall of 1984, NLO was rocked by a scandal of major proportions

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when an accident allowed a massive dose of radioactive sodium

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to escape into the atmosphere.

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An investigation later revealed that over the years,

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NLO had released more than 200 tons of radioactive dust particles

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into the air and local water sources.

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Some said that NLO was in essence

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the third largest nuclear waste dump in the country.

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The effect it has on the environment is one thing.

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We have an environmental disaster.

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But I think if you did a survey around the Fernog community,

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you will find very few people who trust the government now.

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For the people of Fernog, the disastrous accident

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followed on the heels of another disturbing controversy involving NLO.

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A few months earlier, in June of 1984,

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an employee named Dave Box had disappeared while on the job.

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Though his body was never found,

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some of his personal effects were and Box was presumed dead.

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After the accident, the case of Dave Box

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took on a sinister new dimension.

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Dave Box worked at NLO for three years,

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and all evidence indicates that he died a horrible, gruesome death

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inside the factory.

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The official ruling was that no foul play was involved.

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The representatives from the Department of Energy

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and the current Hamilton County Sheriff's Administration

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have refused to speak with us.

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Dave Box, friends and family, are convinced that he was murdered,

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and they will not rest until they learn how he died

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and who was responsible.

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David Box grew up in Staten Island, New York.

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In 1981, he was hired at NLO as a pipefetter

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and quickly earned the trust and respect of his coworkers.

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Box was a father of two sons and a daughter.

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In 1979, he divorced,

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yet he remained devoted to his ex-wife and children.

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He was great. He would do anything for us.

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Kindness can be.

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He loved his children, you know, did his job.

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He was just a very kind person.

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Sunday, June 18th, 1984, began like any other evening for Dave Box.

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He worked the graveyard shift at NLO.

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At 11 p.m., Box met his rideshare partner, Harry Easterling,

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in a local restaurant parking lot.

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Hey, Harry. Hi, Dave.

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Dave got into my truck. We left.

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Had a little conversation on the way to work.

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He had talked about vacation with his kids

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and bought a new lunch box for work,

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and everything seemed to be normal.

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Dave Box's primary responsibilities at NLO

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were to inspect and maintain equipment

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in all of the plants throughout the factory.

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This included making sure that the safety pumps and dust collectors

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used in the uranium processing were in proper working order.

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Dave was a fairly quiet guy,

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but if you worked on a job and say it was high radiation level,

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Dave would tell you, say, you know,

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that particular dust collector is fairly radioactive,

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so watch yourself, or that pump has a certain kind of acid in it,

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so be careful when you work on it.

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But he would, you know, try to help you out as much as you could,

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because he'd been there longer than I had.

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Morning, gentlemen.

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Only the maintenance crew and security personnel

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were on duty during the graveyard shift.

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The production lines were shut down.

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At midnight, Box reported to the maintenance room

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for his work assignment.

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Box, yeah, I need you to look at the pump building A.

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Which pump?

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Herb knows which one. See him. All right.

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It was sort of just like any other night.

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He would open this toolbox, leave his keys in his lock,

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and lay the lock in the keys on top of the toolbox.

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You know what you're doing?

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Dave went to one area,

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and I worked on a job in another plant.

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At around 4 a.m.,

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Box and a supervisor were seen in a parked pickup truck

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by an NLO employee.

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The witness spoke to unsolved mysteries on the phone,

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but declined to appear on camera.

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The witness said that Box appeared to be having a serious discussion

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with the supervisor,

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but he could not determine what they were talking about.

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Oddly, the windows of the truck rolled up,

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despite the fact that it was a hot, humid night.

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An hour later, at 5 a.m.,

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the same witness ran into Box on the factory grounds.

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Hey, Dave, can you help with that?

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I'm just putting my tools away. All right.

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The witness was struck by the fact that Box was walking towards

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Plant 4, not Plant 8, where he had been assigned.

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It was the last time Dave Box was seen alive.

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Later that morning, his friend and fellow employee,

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Harry Easterling, became suspicious about Dave's absence.

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Approximately 7 o'clock that morning, we had a safety meeting.

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In a conference room in Plant 4.

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We showed up for the meeting, but Dave wasn't there.

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Walked back over to the maintenance building,

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put my tools away, and noticed that Dave's toolbox was still open.

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So I thought, well, he's probably working overtime.

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So I went in and made a few phone calls, but I couldn't locate him.

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So I went back out and told the security guard at the desk

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that Dave hadn't come out.

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I was going home, and I would meet him the next night at the restaurant.

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At around 7.30 that morning, a furnace operator in Plant 6

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notified his supervisor that the casings in his oven

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were covered with a strange, sticky residue.

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Hey, Larry.

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The worker also detected an unusual odor.

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Yeah, what's up?

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There's something strange in here.

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There's all kind of big, firm crust all over the saw.

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Crust?

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Yeah, I dipped a couple of ingots in.

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There's got a slick thymol of them.

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That's OK. Just go ahead and keep digging.

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Larry.

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Yeah, what?

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Listen, man, I don't want to be the one to start a problem,

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but there's something in there.

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Kind of looks like a leg.

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A leg?

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Take a look.

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The supervisor apparently found nothing wrong

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and told the furnace operator to go back to work.

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At 11 that night, Harry Easterling arrived at the restaurant

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to meet Dave Box as usual.

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He had not heard about what happened in Plant 6.

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It was Dave's turn to drive, and his car was already there.

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It wasn't anything out of the ordinary,

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because he would pull his car in and go get something to eat

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and then come back to the car or get something to take for lunch.

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And I leaned up against Dave's car,

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and I noticed the fender was still cold.

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So I reached over, touched the hood,

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and the hood was still cold.

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Harry began to suspect that something was wrong.

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When he arrived at the factory, he reported Dave Box missing

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and had a security guard pry open Box's locker.

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Are these the clothes he was wearing?

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That's what he was wearing.

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And you haven't seen him since you left?

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On Sunday night, he was missing.

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We were informed of the fact on Tuesday.

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On Wednesday, my mother tried to contact the plant

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to find out more information.

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They told her they couldn't give her any information.

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They didn't know anything, and that was that.

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But inside the plant, an investigation was confirming the worst.

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It was learned that at 5.15 on the morning of Dave Box's disappearance,

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the temperature in the furnace in Plant 6,

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which was kept at a constant 1,300 degree temperature,

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at momentarily dipped 28 degrees,

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suggesting that something foreign had been dumped into it.

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A worker had also found what appeared to be a piece of bone

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on the lip of the furnace.

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The Hamilton County Sheriff's Department was called in,

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and the furnace was shut down.

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Investigators had to wait three days for the molten liquid

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inside the furnace to cool.

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Then employees sifted through the waste material,

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searching for some kind of evidence.

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Lieutenant.

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My God.

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Those keys belong to the victim's car.

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They also belong to three padlocks of his,

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and one key we believed went into his residence,

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but we couldn't prove that because it was bent

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and not in very good shape.

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The conclusion was inescapable.

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Dave Box was almost certainly dead,

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but the news left Harry Easterling dumbfounded.

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He claims that Dave's keys were still in his toolbox at 7.30 AM,

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more than two hours after the gauge in Plant 6

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registered the temperature drop.

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When I left the plant to go over to the maintenance shop,

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his keys were in the box.

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When I left there to go home, they were still in the box.

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I went home when I came back that night.

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His keys were still in the top of his toolbox.

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The supervisor closed his box, put the lock on his toolbox,

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and took his keys out of the lock.

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And from there on, I do not know what happened to the keys.

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In addition to the keys, investigators uncovered

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a steel toe from a boot,

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part of what they thought was an eyeglass frame.

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Fragments of what they believed was Dave Box's walkie-talkie

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and a piece of stainless steel wire

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that was looped together in three oddly connecting circles.

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Also recovered were several pieces of human bone.

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The official police investigation

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was unable to determine conclusively how Dave Box died.

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However, suicide was a distinct possibility.

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Box had a history of psychological problems,

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and around the time of his divorce,

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he had apparently tried to take his own life.

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I know my father did not commit suicide.

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There was no reason for him to commit suicide.

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He had purchased groceries for the week.

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He was planning a vacation with me and my younger brother

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for the following summer to Florida.

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He paid all of his bills for the month.

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There was no reason for him to commit suicide.

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From everything I know about the circumstances

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that occurred back then,

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I would have to say that he was probably lowered into the furnace,

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that he was probably murdered.

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I can't think of any other way that it could have happened.

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I don't believe that it could have been suicide

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or that it could have been an accident.

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On the night that Dave Box died,

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he had been working in plant 8.

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Plant 8 had released four times more radioactive contaminants

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into the environment than any other plant at the plant site.

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Why he was killed, I think he knew something.

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And I think he had to deal with plant 8.

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I think he had to deal with the releases,

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the threat to the public health and the environment.

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It's possible he was a whistleblower,

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or was going to be a whistleblower.

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I believe that they could have either shot him

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or they could have hit him with something.

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Dr. Minkonsious took the body back to plant 6,

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where the furnace is.

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The question I have is whether or not Dave Box was alive

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at the time that they threw him into that furnace.

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I would hate to think that he was conscious.

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I can't imagine a more horrible death than that.

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We never developed any information indicating foul play.

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We had that in the back of our minds,

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but no one ever gave us any indication or reason to believe

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that foul play may have occurred.

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There are probably people out there that know what happened,

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and there may not be people that know what happened either,

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because if they knew, I doubt that anybody would tell you.

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Fear may be fear of their life.

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I still have days where I can't believe he's gone.

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I am very angry.

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I mean, we loved him, he loved us,

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and there was no reason for this to happen.

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We just want somebody to please come forward

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and tell us any information, anything at all.

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There's a final bitter footnote to the death of Dave Box.

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Nine years after the fact,

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his family is still waiting to lay him to rest.

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In 1989, Ann Ella was shut down,

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and Box's remains, a few bone fragments,

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are presently in a sealed drum on the closed plant site,

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too toxic to be buried in the ground.

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Join me next time for another intriguing edition

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of Unsolved Mysteries.

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