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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 --> 00:00:11,880

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

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00:00:16,880 --> 00:00:20,720

Is it mother's instinct or just coincidence?

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00:00:20,720 --> 00:00:23,800

Tonight, a fascinating look at the mysterious telepathic link

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00:00:23,800 --> 00:00:25,800

between mothers and children.

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00:00:26,800 --> 00:00:28,800

Carolyn Ebert was cleaning up after dinner

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00:00:28,800 --> 00:00:31,200

when she suddenly sensed that her eight-month-old daughter

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00:00:31,200 --> 00:00:32,800

was in grave danger.

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00:00:32,800 --> 00:00:34,440

Carolyn rushed to the living room

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00:00:34,440 --> 00:00:37,280

and saved the baby from choking.

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Elaine Emme was overcome by a strong inexplicable feeling

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00:00:40,680 --> 00:00:43,320

of dread during an out-of-town trip.

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Later, she would learn that at that very moment,

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00:00:45,680 --> 00:00:48,520

her son had been seriously injured in a fall.

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00:00:48,520 --> 00:00:50,720

Both women attribute their experiences

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00:00:50,720 --> 00:00:52,520

to a special kind of trauma.

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00:00:53,120 --> 00:00:55,240

Both women attribute their experiences

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00:00:55,240 --> 00:01:00,040

to a special six cents possessed only by mothers.

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00:01:00,040 --> 00:01:03,380

Also tonight, in 1990, Anita Green

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00:01:03,380 --> 00:01:05,560

was gunned down by an unidentified man

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00:01:05,560 --> 00:01:08,120

in the parking lot of her husband's office.

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00:01:08,120 --> 00:01:11,560

Two years later, a friend of Anita's, Michelle Semin,

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00:01:11,560 --> 00:01:13,760

was writing a book on the case and found herself

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00:01:13,760 --> 00:01:16,400

targeted by a vicious, unknown stalker,

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00:01:16,400 --> 00:01:20,920

who she believes is the same man who murdered her friend.

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00:01:20,920 --> 00:01:24,840

This tragic accident let one person dead and three injured.

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00:01:24,840 --> 00:01:27,440

But in reality, it was no accident.

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00:01:27,440 --> 00:01:30,760

It was a result of a deadly con game gone wrong,

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00:01:30,760 --> 00:01:33,400

a con game springing up all over the country,

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00:01:33,400 --> 00:01:36,920

and you could be a target.

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00:01:36,920 --> 00:01:39,680

Finally, the intriguing mystery of this century-old edition

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00:01:39,680 --> 00:01:41,120

of the Bible.

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00:01:41,120 --> 00:01:43,560

It was found accidentally in a second-hand store

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00:01:43,560 --> 00:01:47,520

as pages crumbling in its gold gilt long since faded.

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00:01:47,560 --> 00:01:50,920

But as it turns out, there's a lot of life in this old book,

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00:01:50,920 --> 00:01:53,160

the enigmatic secrets of a family whose

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00:01:53,160 --> 00:01:55,760

theirs may be watching tonight.

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00:01:55,760 --> 00:01:56,760

Join me.

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00:02:26,760 --> 00:02:54,960

The seems little doubt that an almost magical bond exists

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00:02:54,960 --> 00:02:57,640

between some mothers and their children.

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00:02:57,640 --> 00:03:00,000

It is perhaps the most wonderful and heartwarming

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00:03:00,000 --> 00:03:01,120

of all mysteries.

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00:03:04,680 --> 00:03:08,320

January of 1974 was a blur of diapers and dishes

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00:03:08,320 --> 00:03:11,560

for Carolyn E. Baer, a mother of two,

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00:03:11,560 --> 00:03:14,080

that Carolyn will remember one day in particular

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00:03:14,080 --> 00:03:17,480

for the rest of her life.

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00:03:17,480 --> 00:03:18,800

It was in the evening.

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00:03:18,800 --> 00:03:21,040

I was in the kitchen doing the dishes.

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00:03:21,040 --> 00:03:24,920

My husband was down the hallway reading the newspaper.

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00:03:24,920 --> 00:03:27,560

My daughter Monica was in there doing her homework.

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00:03:27,560 --> 00:03:31,800

And Sarah, her little baby, was playing with her toys.

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00:03:31,800 --> 00:03:35,040

And you know, your mind is not really usually very far away

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00:03:35,040 --> 00:03:36,040

from your children.

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00:03:36,040 --> 00:03:37,520

You think about them.

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00:03:37,520 --> 00:03:39,560

And this night, I was thinking about Sarah,

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00:03:39,560 --> 00:03:45,040

and suddenly I had a feeling that there was something wrong.

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00:03:47,640 --> 00:03:50,080

It was a very focused feeling.

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00:03:50,080 --> 00:03:53,360

And in my mind, I saw that she was choking on something.

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00:03:53,360 --> 00:03:54,240

I didn't know what.

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00:03:54,240 --> 00:03:55,640

Sarah?

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00:03:55,640 --> 00:03:56,640

Sarah?

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00:03:56,640 --> 00:03:57,540

Oh.

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00:04:04,520 --> 00:04:05,800

She had in her mouth.

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00:04:08,600 --> 00:04:10,560

Karenon says that she had inexplicably

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00:04:10,560 --> 00:04:12,400

sensed her eight-month-old daughter

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00:04:12,400 --> 00:04:15,360

silently choking on a balloon.

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00:04:15,360 --> 00:04:16,920

Sarah, you've got to be careful.

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00:04:16,920 --> 00:04:18,480

You would think about the what ifs,

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00:04:18,480 --> 00:04:21,640

what if I hadn't listened, and just thought,

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00:04:21,640 --> 00:04:23,640

well, I'll go in a few minutes.

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00:04:23,640 --> 00:04:25,760

But this was not that sort of a feeling.

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00:04:25,760 --> 00:04:27,600

This was get there, you're needed.

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00:04:30,720 --> 00:04:32,360

Call it mother's instinct.

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00:04:32,360 --> 00:04:33,920

Call it ESP.

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00:04:33,920 --> 00:04:36,640

Call it simply the power of love.

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00:04:36,640 --> 00:04:38,720

Accounts of the extraordinary intuition

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00:04:38,720 --> 00:04:41,720

of mothers have been handed down for generations.

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00:04:41,720 --> 00:04:45,240

Such a bond seems to defy the limits of time and space.

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00:04:45,240 --> 00:04:47,840

And while it may never be scientifically proven,

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00:04:47,840 --> 00:04:51,320

it is far too compelling to be denied.

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00:04:51,320 --> 00:04:53,320

It's not like watching your child walk down

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00:04:53,320 --> 00:04:54,720

the street and say, oh, I know they're

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00:04:54,720 --> 00:04:56,840

going to trip over the sidewalk.

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00:04:56,840 --> 00:04:57,960

It's not like that.

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00:04:57,960 --> 00:05:01,040

It's so powerful and so strong.

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00:05:01,040 --> 00:05:05,560

And it's very different feeling.

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00:05:05,560 --> 00:05:06,440

Hi, how many?

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00:05:06,440 --> 00:05:07,840

Two, please.

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00:05:07,840 --> 00:05:12,040

In 1983, business had taken Elaine Emy and a neighbor Sharon

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00:05:12,040 --> 00:05:14,960

Crocker to Palm Springs, 110 miles

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00:05:14,960 --> 00:05:16,320

from their homes in Los Angeles.

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00:05:16,320 --> 00:05:17,600

Here you go.

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00:05:17,600 --> 00:05:19,480

They were just sitting down to eat

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00:05:19,480 --> 00:05:22,600

when Elaine was seized by an overwhelming sense of dread

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00:05:22,600 --> 00:05:24,160

about her four-year-old son.

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00:05:24,160 --> 00:05:24,920

I hungry.

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00:05:27,440 --> 00:05:30,480

It was like being hit by a wave.

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00:05:30,480 --> 00:05:33,220

It was a very powerful feeling, both emotionally

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00:05:33,220 --> 00:05:35,160

and physically.

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00:05:35,160 --> 00:05:39,520

Sharon, something's wrong.

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00:05:39,520 --> 00:05:41,400

What do you mean something's wrong?

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00:05:41,400 --> 00:05:44,240

Something's happened to Matt.

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00:05:44,240 --> 00:05:46,840

Elaine, stop worrying.

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00:05:46,840 --> 00:05:47,720

I'm sure he's just.

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00:05:47,720 --> 00:05:49,520

It's like someone flipping a switch.

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00:05:49,520 --> 00:05:52,000

All of a sudden, you feel something.

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00:05:52,000 --> 00:05:54,360

And two seconds before you didn't feel that,

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00:05:54,360 --> 00:05:56,640

you weren't thinking about that at all.

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00:05:56,640 --> 00:05:58,920

Elaine, everything looks so good.

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00:05:58,920 --> 00:06:02,160

I knew something was wrong with Matt immediately.

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00:06:02,160 --> 00:06:04,360

And it wasn't just foreboding.

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00:06:04,360 --> 00:06:07,360

I mean, sometimes people get a strange sense

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00:06:07,360 --> 00:06:08,320

that something's not right.

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00:06:08,320 --> 00:06:09,240

It wasn't like that.

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00:06:09,240 --> 00:06:12,800

It was a very definite feeling, something

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00:06:12,800 --> 00:06:16,040

that you couldn't just shrug off.

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00:06:16,040 --> 00:06:17,200

Sharon, Matthew has been hurt.

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00:06:17,200 --> 00:06:18,720

I just know it.

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00:06:18,720 --> 00:06:19,520

Elaine?

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00:06:19,520 --> 00:06:20,680

I'm going to go call home.

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00:06:20,680 --> 00:06:22,680

I'll be right back.

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00:06:22,680 --> 00:06:25,320

Elaine had instant panic.

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00:06:25,320 --> 00:06:28,400

She wasn't what I would consider out of control,

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00:06:28,400 --> 00:06:32,200

but just her mannerisms gave me the impression

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00:06:32,200 --> 00:06:34,560

that she was very concerned and knew

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00:06:34,560 --> 00:06:36,520

that there was something very wrong.

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00:06:40,600 --> 00:06:43,560

Elaine immediately called home.

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00:06:43,560 --> 00:06:44,440

No answer.

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00:06:47,040 --> 00:06:49,320

Convinced that something truly terrible had happened,

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00:06:49,320 --> 00:06:50,920

she phone-shared husband Tom.

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00:06:58,120 --> 00:06:59,080

Hello?

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00:06:59,080 --> 00:07:00,000

Hi, Tom.

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00:07:00,000 --> 00:07:00,900

It's Elaine.

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00:07:00,900 --> 00:07:04,360

Elaine, where are you?

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00:07:04,360 --> 00:07:06,520

Tom had not heard from Elaine's husband.

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00:07:06,520 --> 00:07:08,600

Her seen anything unusual at their house

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00:07:08,600 --> 00:07:10,840

just across the street.

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00:07:10,840 --> 00:07:11,960

No.

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00:07:11,960 --> 00:07:15,800

So I said, well, then why don't we just have lunch?

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00:07:15,800 --> 00:07:17,880

She said, no, there's something wrong.

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00:07:17,880 --> 00:07:19,920

We need to go home.

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00:07:19,920 --> 00:07:23,520

And that's what we did.

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00:07:23,520 --> 00:07:26,280

Elaine, are you still worried?

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00:07:26,280 --> 00:07:28,720

I don't know.

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00:07:28,720 --> 00:07:30,600

I just can't get rid of this feeling that something awful

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00:07:30,600 --> 00:07:33,360

is happening to Matt.

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00:07:33,360 --> 00:07:35,720

Twice, during the trip back to Los Angeles,

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00:07:35,720 --> 00:07:37,400

Elaine stopped to call home.

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00:07:37,400 --> 00:07:38,600

Do you want me to drive?

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00:07:38,600 --> 00:07:40,960

Still, no one answered.

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00:07:40,960 --> 00:07:42,680

I'm OK.

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00:07:42,680 --> 00:07:44,680

Sharon tried to reassure me that everything was probably

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00:07:44,680 --> 00:07:49,600

all right, but the sense of urgency was still there.

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00:07:49,600 --> 00:07:52,520

And there was nothing I could do to get rid of that feeling.

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00:07:56,200 --> 00:07:59,840

It was the longest three hours of Elaine and Amy's life.

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00:07:59,840 --> 00:08:02,120

When she and Sharon finally arrived home,

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00:08:02,120 --> 00:08:04,800

Sharon's husband had stunning news.

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00:08:04,800 --> 00:08:08,600

He had learned that Matt was in the hospital.

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00:08:08,600 --> 00:08:10,400

Dr. Davis to emergency staff.

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00:08:10,400 --> 00:08:11,300

Matt.

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00:08:11,300 --> 00:08:12,200

Mom.

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00:08:12,200 --> 00:08:13,120

I thank God.

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00:08:13,120 --> 00:08:14,560

Oh, Matt.

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00:08:14,560 --> 00:08:17,320

When Elaine arrived, Matt was being prepped for surgery

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00:08:17,320 --> 00:08:20,920

to reattach severed tendons in his arm.

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00:08:20,920 --> 00:08:24,080

He had fallen and crashed through a plate glass door.

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00:08:24,080 --> 00:08:27,640

At the very moment, the sense of dread had swept over Elaine.

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00:08:27,640 --> 00:08:31,200

I think Matt's going to do just fine, aren't you?

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00:08:31,200 --> 00:08:34,200

I was feeling what Matt was going through.

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00:08:34,200 --> 00:08:35,120

No doubt about it.

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00:08:35,120 --> 00:08:37,680

I don't think I ever questioned that.

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00:08:37,680 --> 00:08:40,600

I'm not sure why I was able to feel that,

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00:08:40,600 --> 00:08:44,880

but I know without any doubt what I was feeling

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00:08:44,880 --> 00:08:46,800

and what I was experiencing.

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00:08:46,800 --> 00:08:50,160

It made the hair stand up on the back of my neck thinking,

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00:08:50,160 --> 00:08:52,920

oh my god, she actually did know that something was happening

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00:08:52,920 --> 00:08:54,840

when it happened.

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00:08:54,840 --> 00:08:55,720

Again?

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00:08:55,720 --> 00:08:57,640

Good.

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00:08:57,640 --> 00:09:01,880

Elaine and her son had been separated by more than 100 miles.

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00:09:01,880 --> 00:09:04,040

And yet she had been as certain he was hurt

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00:09:04,040 --> 00:09:06,680

as if she had seen the accident with her own eyes.

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00:09:06,680 --> 00:09:08,440

Don't worry.

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00:09:08,440 --> 00:09:09,280

Don't worry.

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00:09:09,280 --> 00:09:11,200

It's going to be just fine, OK?

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00:09:11,200 --> 00:09:14,360

I think that this connection starts in the womb.

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00:09:14,360 --> 00:09:18,920

I think even in the womb, some children and some mothers

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00:09:18,920 --> 00:09:22,880

are more connected than others.

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00:09:22,880 --> 00:09:24,880

And if they are really connected, of course,

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00:09:24,880 --> 00:09:27,880

then it will continue for the rest of their lives.

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00:09:27,880 --> 00:09:33,360

It is a connection of love whereby the mother anticipates

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00:09:33,360 --> 00:09:37,320

the child's needs, whether it's a small baby, a toddler,

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00:09:37,320 --> 00:09:40,120

an adolescent, but she anticipates it not only

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00:09:40,120 --> 00:09:43,040

on a physical level, which of course is part of the maternity,

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00:09:43,040 --> 00:09:47,360

but on a level we might almost call telepathic, spiritual,

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00:09:47,360 --> 00:09:52,080

so that the whole mother is in touch with the whole child.

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00:09:52,080 --> 00:09:56,320

Sometimes it just happens once in a lifetime,

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00:09:56,320 --> 00:09:59,560

and you may never be able to repeat it again.

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00:09:59,560 --> 00:10:00,600

But it just happens.

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00:10:00,600 --> 00:10:04,080

You have tuned in that one person who is sending out

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00:10:04,080 --> 00:10:06,960

those signals because it's important to you.

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00:10:09,440 --> 00:10:12,280

Mom and dad, you can come along with us.

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00:10:12,280 --> 00:10:15,320

If Elaine Emi does have a psychic bond with her son,

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00:10:15,320 --> 00:10:18,920

it seems logical that it originated in the womb.

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00:10:18,920 --> 00:10:21,800

However, many adoptive mothers have also reported

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00:10:21,800 --> 00:10:25,160

these astounding experiences.

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00:10:25,160 --> 00:10:27,720

Simply the fact of having adopted a child

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00:10:27,720 --> 00:10:31,280

doesn't mean the woman's divested of all her instincts.

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00:10:31,280 --> 00:10:33,800

And I believe that women have instincts.

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00:10:33,800 --> 00:10:37,840

A woman's intuition, whatever you want to call it.

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00:10:37,840 --> 00:10:41,560

In March of 1987, Linda Bab and her husband, Dirk,

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00:10:41,560 --> 00:10:43,360

already the parents of four, were

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00:10:43,360 --> 00:10:47,080

looking to adopt for the second time.

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00:10:47,080 --> 00:10:48,880

Linda says that around that time,

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00:10:48,880 --> 00:10:52,120

she had a most incredible dream, unlike any she's

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00:10:52,120 --> 00:10:54,680

had before or since.

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00:10:54,680 --> 00:10:55,880

Push, push real hard.

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00:10:55,880 --> 00:10:57,880

Go ahead and push, push.

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00:10:57,880 --> 00:11:00,760

I had a dream.

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00:11:00,760 --> 00:11:03,560

And in the dream I saw a young woman.

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00:11:03,560 --> 00:11:08,240

And she was in labor, a lightheaded woman

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

that was fair-complexed.

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00:11:11,240 --> 00:11:13,640

And I didn't know who this person was.

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00:11:13,640 --> 00:11:15,560

But I did see that she was in labor

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00:11:15,560 --> 00:11:18,160

and at the point of giving birth.

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00:11:18,160 --> 00:11:20,880

And as she pushed, I saw the baby's head crown

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00:11:20,880 --> 00:11:22,200

and then be born.

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00:11:22,200 --> 00:11:24,200

That's beautiful.

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00:11:24,200 --> 00:11:27,080

Don't be made me born.

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00:11:27,080 --> 00:11:29,080

He had lots of dark hair on his head.

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00:11:29,080 --> 00:11:30,480

I remember that.

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00:11:30,480 --> 00:11:34,680

And he was dark-complexed.

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00:11:34,680 --> 00:11:38,080

And at the moment that he was born and began to cry,

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00:11:38,080 --> 00:11:39,240

I woke up from the dream.

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00:11:43,240 --> 00:11:46,760

I felt startled because it was a very vivid and realistic dream.

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00:11:46,760 --> 00:11:49,520

I had never had a dream so vivid.

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00:11:49,520 --> 00:11:52,120

And I looked at my clock on my bedside table,

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00:11:52,120 --> 00:11:55,440

and it was 2.59 in the morning on March 8.

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00:11:55,440 --> 00:11:56,880

I was so surprised.

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00:12:00,880 --> 00:12:04,720

The next morning at breakfast, my wife said,

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00:12:04,720 --> 00:12:08,480

sweetie, I've got the most incredible dream.

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00:12:08,480 --> 00:12:11,960

I witnessed the birth of a child.

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00:12:11,960 --> 00:12:14,960

And I said, what child?

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00:12:14,960 --> 00:12:16,960

She said, I don't know.

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00:12:16,960 --> 00:12:19,960

Linda, jerk, I'm so glad you could make it.

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00:12:19,960 --> 00:12:20,960

How are you?

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00:12:20,960 --> 00:12:21,960

Oh, fine. Thank you.

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00:12:21,960 --> 00:12:25,360

Six weeks later, we had a call from our adoption agency.

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00:12:26,280 --> 00:12:29,880

We had applied to adopt, and they called and asked us

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00:12:29,880 --> 00:12:32,480

if we would be interested in adopting a baby boy.

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00:12:35,480 --> 00:12:36,640

Oh, here he is.

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00:12:36,640 --> 00:12:39,240

And he is such a cutie boy.

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00:12:39,240 --> 00:12:42,160

When they brought the baby in, he looked to me

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00:12:42,160 --> 00:12:44,440

like the most beautiful baby I had ever seen.

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00:12:44,440 --> 00:12:49,640

He had beautiful golden brown skin and a head full of dark hair.

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00:12:49,640 --> 00:12:52,760

He looked very much like the infant in my dream.

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00:12:52,760 --> 00:12:54,480

How old did you say he was?

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00:12:54,600 --> 00:12:55,600

Six weeks.

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00:12:55,600 --> 00:12:57,600

Uh, let me check that.

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00:12:57,600 --> 00:12:58,600

I'm sorry.

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00:12:58,600 --> 00:13:01,600

Yes, Sahai was born March 8.

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00:13:01,600 --> 00:13:04,600

March 8? What time?

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00:13:04,600 --> 00:13:05,600

Let's see.

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00:13:05,600 --> 00:13:07,600

2.59 a.m.

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00:13:10,600 --> 00:13:13,600

When she told me the baby had been born March 8,

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

at 2.59 in the morning, I was stunned.

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00:13:17,600 --> 00:13:19,600

For a moment, I was just speechless.

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00:13:19,600 --> 00:13:21,600

And I turned to Dirk and I said,

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00:13:21,600 --> 00:13:25,720

that's the same time and the date of that dream I had.

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I thought my wife really had seen the birth of this child

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00:13:30,720 --> 00:13:31,720

with her mother.

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That was the dream.

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And it was confirmation to me at that time

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00:13:36,720 --> 00:13:41,720

that this was meant to be, that this was a child for us.

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00:13:44,720 --> 00:13:47,320

Linda and Dirk adopted the infant, whose very birth Linda

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00:13:47,320 --> 00:13:49,720

feels certain she witnessed.

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00:13:50,240 --> 00:13:52,840

Any remaining doubts vanished 18 months later,

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00:13:52,840 --> 00:13:57,840

when Linda was shown a picture of her son's birth mother.

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00:13:57,840 --> 00:13:59,960

My first thought was how beautiful she was

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00:13:59,960 --> 00:14:02,400

and how much he looked like her.

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00:14:02,400 --> 00:14:07,720

Then I realized that this was the light-haired, light-complexed

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00:14:07,720 --> 00:14:12,280

woman of the dream, the mother that had the baby.

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00:14:12,280 --> 00:14:15,680

An adoptive mother can feel this communication almost

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00:14:15,800 --> 00:14:19,800

as a radar of love, because whether she has formally applied

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00:14:19,800 --> 00:14:22,800

to adopt a child or not, she still has in her heart

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00:14:22,800 --> 00:14:24,800

this intention.

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And it's almost as if the right child somehow contacts

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00:14:28,800 --> 00:14:32,800

her psychically, sometimes even before the child is born.

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00:14:32,800 --> 00:14:35,800

Those two vibrations somehow meet each other

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00:14:35,800 --> 00:14:40,800

and it may happen once in 10,000 cases.

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00:14:40,800 --> 00:14:43,800

And that's the one that we perhaps hear about.

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But that very special case just proves the fact that at least

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it can happen.

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I'm as skeptical as the next person, always looking for another

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00:14:52,920 --> 00:14:53,920

explanation.

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It does seem a little far-fetched.

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All I can say is it was a gift.

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00:14:58,920 --> 00:15:02,920

I don't know why it happened or why I would be given such a gift.

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00:15:02,920 --> 00:15:06,920

I just know that it happened and that's the only explanation I have.

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00:15:08,920 --> 00:15:12,920

There is no rational explanation for these things.

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But just because there's no rational explanation for these things

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00:15:16,040 --> 00:15:19,040

doesn't mean that it didn't happen.

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It's going to be just fine.

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I don't understand the connections, but I think the connections are there.

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00:15:25,040 --> 00:15:29,040

And a lot of it probably just has to do with survival.

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We want to make sure that the next generation grows up.

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Taking at face value, these three stories and countless others like them

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00:15:39,040 --> 00:15:42,040

point to an apparent telepathic link between certain mothers

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00:15:42,040 --> 00:15:44,040

and their children.

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While such a connection may never be fully explained,

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00:15:47,040 --> 00:15:51,040

if you someday get the prickly feeling that your child is in danger,

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00:15:51,040 --> 00:15:55,040

it might not hurt just to wander over and take a look.

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00:15:57,040 --> 00:16:00,040

Next, a woman has gunned down in broad daylight,

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00:16:00,040 --> 00:16:04,040

and the man who pulled the trigger is still on the loose.

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00:16:12,040 --> 00:16:15,040

Anita!

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00:16:15,040 --> 00:16:16,040

Anita!

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00:16:16,040 --> 00:16:20,040

North Hollywood, California, October 25, 1990.

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A woman sitting in the driver's seat of her own car

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00:16:23,040 --> 00:16:26,040

in the parking lot of her husband's accounting firm

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was shot once through the head.

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The woman's name was Anita Green.

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She never regained consciousness.

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After two days in a coma, she died,

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and the man who shot her is still at large.

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Now a woman named Michelle Samet believes the same man has targeted her.

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Michelle was Anita Green's friend.

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She has written a book called No Sanctuary About Anita's Murder.

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The knowledge that this guy's out there, out on the streets,

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00:17:00,040 --> 00:17:03,040

terrifies me every day, whether it's the person I think did it or not,

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00:17:03,040 --> 00:17:06,040

because any person who did it knows that I know a lot about this case,

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00:17:06,040 --> 00:17:08,040

that they don't want me to know.

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00:17:10,040 --> 00:17:13,040

This is a chilling story of two innocent women.

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One of them murdered, the other apparently stalked.

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It is a most bizarre and complex case,

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one of the highest-profile cases in recent Los Angeles history.

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The saga began in 1974 when Anita Green met her husband.

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At the time, Anita worked as a bookkeeper

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in Mel Green's accounting firm.

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Both were married to other people.

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After nearly seven years, they left their spouses to wed one another.

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Anita's friends were shocked,

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not only because Mel weighed more than 500 pounds,

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00:17:49,040 --> 00:17:51,040

but also because he convinced Anita

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00:17:51,040 --> 00:17:54,040

to sign an outrageous prenuptial agreement.

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Basically, there was a provision in it that he wore the pants in the family,

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00:17:59,040 --> 00:18:03,040

and he was the supreme boss, the god, the absolute ruler,

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00:18:03,040 --> 00:18:05,040

and if they ever had an argument or disagreement,

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

he would automatically win just because of that rule.

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00:18:08,040 --> 00:18:11,040

We'll review Kathy's report on Wednesday night.

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00:18:11,040 --> 00:18:14,040

Anita threw herself into activities at her synagogue.

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00:18:14,040 --> 00:18:17,040

Anita! Hello?

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00:18:17,040 --> 00:18:19,040

According to Anita's friends,

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Mel attended services less and less often as Anita's involvement grew.

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00:18:23,040 --> 00:18:24,040

8 p.m.

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00:18:24,040 --> 00:18:27,040

Most of the time, Anita made excuses for her husband,

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00:18:27,040 --> 00:18:30,040

but occasionally, she let down her guard.

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00:18:30,040 --> 00:18:33,040

Let's go. I'm late.

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All right.

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00:18:34,040 --> 00:18:36,040

She'd say she was afraid of her husband, but then she said,

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00:18:36,040 --> 00:18:38,040

oh, you know, Mel, he's just a loudmouth.

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00:18:38,040 --> 00:18:40,040

He likes to hear himself talk. He's a blowhard.

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00:18:40,040 --> 00:18:42,040

He's not really going to do anything to me.

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00:18:42,040 --> 00:18:46,040

She had all the classic symptoms of an abused woman,

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00:18:46,040 --> 00:18:48,040

thinking they were in control,

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00:18:48,040 --> 00:18:50,040

thinking that they knew what they were doing,

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00:18:50,040 --> 00:18:53,040

but really frightened and scared.

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00:18:53,040 --> 00:18:55,040

Anita took refuge from her marriage

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00:18:55,040 --> 00:18:58,040

by becoming more and more involved in the synagogue.

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00:18:58,040 --> 00:19:02,040

Eventually, she was elected president of the congregation.

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00:19:03,040 --> 00:19:06,040

As a result, Anita and the rabbi

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00:19:06,040 --> 00:19:08,040

saw one another more and more often.

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00:19:08,040 --> 00:19:11,040

Allegedly, the two became entangled in a love affair.

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00:19:11,040 --> 00:19:16,040

When Anita asked Mel for a divorce, he was infuriated.

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00:19:16,040 --> 00:19:20,040

Anita is sad. She's immoral. She doesn't deserve to live.

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00:19:20,040 --> 00:19:24,040

I absolutely demand that my property is handed over to me.

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00:19:24,040 --> 00:19:26,040

I have an extensive stamp and coin...

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00:19:26,040 --> 00:19:28,040

Curiously, despite his bitterness,

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00:19:28,040 --> 00:19:31,040

Mel was adamant that Anita continued to work with them

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00:19:31,040 --> 00:19:33,040

at the accounting firm.

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00:19:33,040 --> 00:19:36,040

She has to work for me. The business depends upon it.

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00:19:36,040 --> 00:19:38,040

Mel was inconsistent.

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00:19:38,040 --> 00:19:40,040

One minute, I don't need you. You're not worth anything.

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00:19:40,040 --> 00:19:43,040

But the next minute, he would absolutely be insistent.

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00:19:43,040 --> 00:19:45,040

She had to work for him.

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00:19:45,040 --> 00:19:50,040

And frankly, I think both Anita and Mel

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00:19:50,040 --> 00:19:55,040

were indirectly acknowledging that Anita knew

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00:19:55,040 --> 00:19:57,040

where the bodies were buried.

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00:19:57,040 --> 00:20:00,040

Throughout the divorce proceedings,

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00:20:00,040 --> 00:20:03,040

Mel bombarded Anita and her lawyer with threatening letters.

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00:20:03,040 --> 00:20:05,040

Only after Anita was murdered

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00:20:05,040 --> 00:20:08,040

were the letters turned over to the police.

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00:20:08,040 --> 00:20:11,040

Melvin Green did send some letters

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00:20:11,040 --> 00:20:14,040

where he threatened to kill Anita Green.

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00:20:14,040 --> 00:20:17,040

In my mind, it just gave more credence

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00:20:17,040 --> 00:20:19,040

to him being involved in her shooting.

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00:20:19,040 --> 00:20:22,040

So let me see if I understand.

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00:20:22,040 --> 00:20:24,040

You were working at your dad's...

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00:20:25,040 --> 00:20:28,040

Detective Hernandez soon found three different witnesses

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00:20:28,040 --> 00:20:31,040

who believe they saw Anita Green's killer.

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One was a man who worked across the street

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00:20:33,040 --> 00:20:35,040

from Mel Green's accounting firm.

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00:20:35,040 --> 00:20:38,040

He had observed Green emerge from the building

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00:20:38,040 --> 00:20:41,040

minutes before Anita arrived in her red corvette.

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00:20:41,040 --> 00:20:45,040

It's a door that is not used very often.

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00:20:45,040 --> 00:20:49,040

So it was unusual to this witness across the street

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00:20:49,040 --> 00:20:51,040

to see this.

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00:20:51,040 --> 00:20:54,040

After he observed Melvin Green looking,

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00:20:54,040 --> 00:20:57,040

he observed Anita Green turn the corner

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00:20:57,040 --> 00:21:00,040

closely followed by a motorcycle.

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00:21:00,040 --> 00:21:03,040

A second witness observed even more.

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00:21:03,040 --> 00:21:07,040

He stated he was working on a roof

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00:21:07,040 --> 00:21:10,040

directly across the street where Anita Green

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00:21:10,040 --> 00:21:12,040

had parked her red corvette.

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00:21:12,040 --> 00:21:15,040

And what brought his attention was

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00:21:15,040 --> 00:21:17,040

he heard the motorcycle arrive,

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00:21:17,040 --> 00:21:19,040

parked on the wrong side of the street.

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00:21:19,040 --> 00:21:23,040

He observed the individual approaching Anita Green,

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00:21:23,040 --> 00:21:25,040

fire one shot,

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00:21:25,040 --> 00:21:27,040

immediately ran to his motorcycle,

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00:21:27,040 --> 00:21:29,040

and at a high rate of speed,

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00:21:29,040 --> 00:21:31,040

he went northbound on the street.

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00:21:33,040 --> 00:21:35,040

Finally, a third witness helped police

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00:21:35,040 --> 00:21:37,040

ought to come up with this composite.

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00:21:37,040 --> 00:21:39,040

The witness had seen the motorcycle

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00:21:39,040 --> 00:21:41,040

just after Anita's murder

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00:21:41,040 --> 00:21:43,040

without his helmet and visor on.

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00:21:43,040 --> 00:21:46,040

Investigators began to suspect that Mel Green

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00:21:46,040 --> 00:21:49,040

had hired a hit man to kill his wife.

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00:21:51,040 --> 00:21:53,040

Mel Green's behavior at his wife's bedside

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00:21:53,040 --> 00:21:56,040

did nothing to alleviate police suspicions.

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00:21:56,040 --> 00:21:58,040

Only moments after Anita died,

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00:21:58,040 --> 00:22:00,040

with her body still in the room,

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00:22:00,040 --> 00:22:02,040

Mel reportedly had a bizarre exchange

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00:22:02,040 --> 00:22:05,040

with Anita's friend Phyllis Bolton.

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00:22:05,040 --> 00:22:07,040

I look pretty good, don't I?

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00:22:10,040 --> 00:22:12,040

It's the new liquid diet that I'm on.

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00:22:12,040 --> 00:22:15,040

He was talking about how much weight he had lost

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00:22:15,040 --> 00:22:17,040

and how good he had looked.

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00:22:17,040 --> 00:22:19,040

It was absolutely nauseating.

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

There was not one moment of remorse,

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00:22:22,040 --> 00:22:24,040

not one tear shed.

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00:22:24,040 --> 00:22:27,040

He was as talkative as if she was wide awake

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00:22:27,040 --> 00:22:29,040

and sitting there watching us.

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00:22:31,040 --> 00:22:33,040

The day after Anita was shot,

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00:22:33,040 --> 00:22:35,040

Detective Hernandez went to Mel Green's office

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00:22:35,040 --> 00:22:37,040

to interview him.

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00:22:45,040 --> 00:22:47,040

Why do you need an attorney?

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00:22:47,040 --> 00:22:50,040

I'm only here to speak to you about your wife.

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00:22:50,040 --> 00:22:52,040

Talk to my attorney.

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00:22:52,040 --> 00:22:54,040

He says I can't speak to anyone.

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00:22:56,040 --> 00:23:00,040

Now the scenario of Anita Green's murder began to gel.

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00:23:05,040 --> 00:23:10,040

We were able to piece together the fact that Mel Green

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00:23:10,040 --> 00:23:14,040

specifically controlled the date and time

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00:23:14,040 --> 00:23:17,040

Anita Green was supposed to be at his office.

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00:23:17,040 --> 00:23:20,040

That would allow Mel Green to have somebody

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00:23:20,040 --> 00:23:24,040

hired to follow her and shoot her.

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00:23:24,040 --> 00:23:27,040

And that's how Anita Green was shot.

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00:23:31,040 --> 00:23:33,040

Ultimately, Mel Green was arrested

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00:23:33,040 --> 00:23:35,040

for conspiring to kill his wife,

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00:23:35,040 --> 00:23:37,040

even though there was no direct evidence

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00:23:37,040 --> 00:23:40,040

that he had hired someone to shoot her.

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00:23:40,040 --> 00:23:42,040

On March 4, 1992,

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00:23:42,040 --> 00:23:45,040

a jury convicted Green of first-degree murder

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00:23:45,040 --> 00:23:47,040

and sentenced him to life in prison

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00:23:47,040 --> 00:23:49,040

without the possibility of parole.

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00:23:49,040 --> 00:23:51,040

But the case was far from over.

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00:23:51,040 --> 00:23:54,040

Mel Green appealed claiming he was innocent,

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00:23:54,040 --> 00:23:58,040

and the hitman, whoever he was, remained at large.

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00:24:02,040 --> 00:24:05,040

In May of 1992, Michelle Samet visited Mel Green

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00:24:05,040 --> 00:24:07,040

at the Los Angeles County Jail,

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00:24:07,040 --> 00:24:10,040

where he was awaiting transfer to a state prison.

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00:24:10,040 --> 00:24:12,040

Against his lawyer's advice,

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00:24:12,040 --> 00:24:15,040

Green had agreed to be interviewed for Michelle's book.

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00:24:15,040 --> 00:24:17,040

Hello, Mel.

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00:24:17,040 --> 00:24:18,040

Hello, Michelle.

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00:24:18,040 --> 00:24:19,040

How are you doing?

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00:24:19,040 --> 00:24:21,040

I wanted to go in there with an open mind,

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00:24:21,040 --> 00:24:23,040

and I started to listen to him,

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00:24:23,040 --> 00:24:25,040

and for the first few weeks of our visits,

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00:24:25,040 --> 00:24:27,040

I wasn't certain of anything anymore.

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00:24:27,040 --> 00:24:30,040

If I didn't shoot her, there's no connection.

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00:24:30,040 --> 00:24:33,040

So there's more than one road to reasonable doubt.

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00:24:33,040 --> 00:24:35,040

But as our visits continued,

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00:24:35,040 --> 00:24:38,040

Mel himself made me more certain of his guilt

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00:24:38,040 --> 00:24:40,040

than ever before.

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00:24:42,040 --> 00:24:44,040

Michelle continued her investigation,

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00:24:44,040 --> 00:24:46,040

but one thing nagged at her,

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00:24:46,040 --> 00:24:49,040

how and when had Mel paid the hitman?

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00:24:49,040 --> 00:24:52,040

Michelle claims that in the course of her research,

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00:24:52,040 --> 00:24:54,040

she finally uncovered evidence that Mel Green

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00:24:54,040 --> 00:24:57,040

had sold off a \$30,000 coin collection

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00:24:57,040 --> 00:25:00,040

just three weeks before Anita was murdered.

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00:25:00,040 --> 00:25:03,040

Michelle told the police about her discovery,

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00:25:03,040 --> 00:25:06,040

but decided not to tell Mel Green.

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00:25:06,040 --> 00:25:07,040

My innocence will come.

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00:25:07,040 --> 00:25:10,040

Michelle claims that during one of their subsequent interviews,

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00:25:10,040 --> 00:25:14,040

Mel made unusual comments when another visitor showed up.

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00:25:14,040 --> 00:25:15,040

You have another visitor.

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00:25:15,040 --> 00:25:16,040

All right.

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00:25:16,040 --> 00:25:18,040

This is a man I call my brother,

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00:25:18,040 --> 00:25:20,040

because he'd do anything for me.

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00:25:20,040 --> 00:25:23,040

In fact, he's a homeowner because of me.

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00:25:23,040 --> 00:25:26,040

You can wait outside.

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00:25:26,040 --> 00:25:29,040

Mel had visitors come every day during our visits.

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00:25:29,040 --> 00:25:31,040

My visits were all day long.

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00:25:33,040 --> 00:25:36,040

Mel had never asked me to leave during his visits before,

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00:25:36,040 --> 00:25:40,040

and that alone, I thought, was unusual.

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00:25:40,040 --> 00:25:44,040

And I went downstairs, and I went into my car and sat.

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00:25:44,040 --> 00:25:48,040

I knew I'd have about a half hour until this guy came out.

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00:25:48,040 --> 00:25:51,040

And my mind started to run away with me

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00:25:51,040 --> 00:25:54,040

that this guy looked a lot like the police

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00:25:54,040 --> 00:25:57,040

composite of Anita's shooter.

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00:25:57,040 --> 00:26:00,040

According to Michelle, when the visitor left,

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00:26:00,040 --> 00:26:02,040

he got on a motorcycle, which fit the description

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00:26:02,040 --> 00:26:04,040

of the one driven by Anita's killer.

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00:26:07,040 --> 00:26:13,040

When I went back to the jail, I made a very stupid mistake.

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00:26:13,040 --> 00:26:16,040

I said to Mel, I've got this theory.

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00:26:16,040 --> 00:26:19,040

Who paid for the murder with the money from the coins

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00:26:19,040 --> 00:26:21,040

you said Anita stole?

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00:26:21,040 --> 00:26:22,040

She didn't steal them.

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00:26:22,040 --> 00:26:24,040

You're not going to write that.

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00:26:24,040 --> 00:26:25,040

You can't write that.

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00:26:25,040 --> 00:26:27,040

Michelle claims that when she told Mel her suspicions,

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00:26:27,040 --> 00:26:28,040

he threatened her.

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00:26:28,040 --> 00:26:30,040

Nobody's going to put those lies about me

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00:26:30,040 --> 00:26:33,040

if you end up dead after I make a call.

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00:26:33,040 --> 00:26:35,040

You'll know who did it.

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I knew Mel likes to talk like that.

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You know, this is just a blow hard, just a man talking.

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And I realized, God, how stupid can you be, Michelle?

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That's exactly what Anita said, and she's dead.

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The next day, June 17, 1992, Melvin Green

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was transferred as schedule to Calipatria State Penitentiary

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east of San Diego.

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He peppered Michelle's sambit with angry letters.

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He's threatened to harm my children.

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He's threatened to hurt me.

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Never before had I encountered this feeling of fear before

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because I'd never been so involved in a story before

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where it took on a life of its own.

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But I couldn't stop because I knew I had the potential

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to find the answer.

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Michelle's sambit says that over the next few months,

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someone began to stalk her.

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The front gate to her house was ripped from its hinges.

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The house itself was vandalized.

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And finally, Michelle says it in the driveway of her own house,

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an unidentified man hit her in the face, breaking her nose.

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A lot of that has stopped now that the book has come out.

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But of course, you always live your life

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fearing that what you've uncovered might lead to some potential

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danger for your family.

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For me, I'm OK because I understand that's a risk

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by taking this kind of story and by following through.

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For my children, I'm worried every day.

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Michelle's sambit believes the man she saw visiting

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Melvin Green in prison was the same man

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pictured on the police composite.

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He would today be in his early 30s.

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He has blonde hair, dark eyes, and a muscular build,

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and may own a red or maroon Suzuki motorcycle.

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Next, authorities need your help to stop a deadly insurance

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fraud scheme responsible for dozens of accidents

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on the nation's highways.

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It is an all too familiar scene on our nation's highways.

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Emergency workers struggle to free the occupants of a car

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which has been rear-ended by a tractor trailer rig.

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In this case, on Interstate 5 near downtown Los Angeles,

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the driver of the car and two passengers will rescue him.

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However, a third passenger was pronounced dead at the scene.

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What made this tragedy over the last few years

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was that it may not have been an accident at all.

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Authorities believe it was part of a carefully

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orchestrated insurance scam that backfired.

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The police in Los Angeles call it the swoop and squat,

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a scheme in which people intentionally create rear-end collisions

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in order to collect on bogus insurance claims.

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Authorities estimate that the swoop and squat

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cost consumers millions of dollars every year,

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even though the scam was a little bit more expensive

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even though the scam originated in Southern California,

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it is now popping up all over the country.

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Watch closely.

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You may find yourself involved in one of these situations.

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Here's how the swoop and squat works.

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A typical operation involves two or three cars.

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They cruise the highway in tandem, searching for a victim.

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Incredibly, the vehicles they most often choose to target

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are the most dangerous, large tractor trailers.

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Trucks are a favorite target among swoop and squat rings

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because, one, they know that trucks will have a lot of insurance,

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and two, that there'll be a lot of damage,

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which is compensable by the insurance companies.

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The scam unfolds quickly.

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First, the squat car, normally filled with passengers,

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positions itself directly in front of the targeted truck.

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Then a second car pulls alongside the truck,

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effectively boxing it in.

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Over the next several miles, the driver of the squat car

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may try to distract the truck driver.

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Finally, the swoop car appears and makes a smooth,

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forcing the other drivers to jam on their brakes.

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Immediately afterwards, the people who are in the squat car

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will then claim injury.

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Injuries are almost always soft tissue injuries

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because they're so difficult to disprove.

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They'll exchange insurance information,

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and then a couple of days later, the attorney makes the claim.

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We've had one situation where two attorneys made over \$9 million

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from a two-year period of time from simply buying stage accidents.

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The ringleaders of the swoop and squat are often well-to-do attorneys

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who work out of the safety of their offices far removed from the accident scene.

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Each accident can mean up to \$20,000 in false insurance claims,

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a large part of it pocketed by the attorney.

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By contrast, those who risk the most in the con game are paid the least.

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Usually a middleman called a capper seeks out people

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who are willing to do almost anything for money.

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People who are in the swoop and squat accidents as passengers or drivers

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may be paid as little as \$250 to \$300 to risk their lives in that accident.

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Cappers may get approximately \$1,500.

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All the money is made by the professionals who are corrupt,

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the attorneys who are financing these stage accident activities.

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The crash on Interstate 5 had all the earmarks of a classic swoop and squat.

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But in this case, informants were willing to talk.

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They led police to the man who had allegedly organized the operation,

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Juan Filaman Santiago.

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Santiago was a Mexican national who lived in West Hollywood, California.

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A search of his apartment turned up documents linking him to a Beverly Hills attorney

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named Gary Miller.

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Music

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In a moment, the intriguing mystery of an old family Bible.

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Perhaps you can help locate the rightful owners.

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In a place like this, time stands still.

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Random moments of other people's lives are frozen, caught as if an amber.

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And behind every captured moment, every object is an untold story.

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When you collect antiques, you never know when one of those stories

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might intersect with your life and draw you into a small, unsolved mystery of your own.

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Jonathan Grady, a Los Angeles collector, understands that all too well.

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In 1980, Jonathan was out browsing when he spied a box of sundry items.

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Excuse me.

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Yes, how much for your Bunsen burners?

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Let me see. I'll tell you what.

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I'll give you the whole box for \$75. How's that?

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That's too high. I'll give you \$50.

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Okay, you can have the whole thing. I'll write it up.

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After buying the box, I noticed there were several other things in the box.

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Things that I could use. There were some oil cans there and old scrub brushes.

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And there was this Bible. It was a very large Bible, very old.

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And the binding was torn, but yet it was part of the purchase price.

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So I took it home.

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The Bible was more than a century old.

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So old it was literally falling apart.

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Its embossed cover was cracked, its pages crumbling.

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I thought something like this would be nice to display in my living room.

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But I had to have it repaired.

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After checking with several bookstores in the area,

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I was told it would cost between \$2 and \$300.

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So I put it into the garage and I stored it away.

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The Bible lay forgotten in Jonathan Grady's garage,

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gathering dust and guarding its memories for more than a decade.

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In the meantime, Jonathan embarked on a writing career.

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One day he found himself in need of a coat from the Book of Job.

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As he leafed through the old Bible,

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Jonathan was caught short by a presentation page

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which he had not noticed before.

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Everything stopped right there. I was completely surprised.

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I never found a character of Job.

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Instead I found Lazarus.

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The Bible had apparently been given to a Mr. Charles Lazarus

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and his bride Fanny Bertman on their wedding day, March 25, 1874.

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They were married in Cincinnati, Ohio.

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When Jonathan turned the page, the history of a family unfolded.

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Charles and Fanny Lazarus had recorded the birth of two sons,

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Joshua and Samuel, and three daughters, Bluma, May and Reina.

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Joshua had married Dora Fleishman of America's Georgia,

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Samuel, Ada Hassett of Posen, Michigan,

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and Bluma, a German immigrant named Michael Michelson.

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On the facing page, Charles and Fanny recorded the birth of one grandchild,

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Bluma's daughter Helen May Michelson, born in Denver, Colorado, on May 2, 1895.

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I looked at this Bible for several days after that.

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I would refer to this page back and forth.

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I watched his kids grow.

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Someone known source pulled me into this man's life, and I have not quit.

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I have not quit trying to locate another man's family.

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This is Jonathan Grady in Los Angeles.

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I'm calling you regarding the Lazarus Family Bible.

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Jonathan became obsessed with returning the treasured family heirloom to its rightful owners.

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Thanks to his efforts, several newspaper articles were published, and he actually got a lead.

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This letter from 81-year-old Bernard Fleishman of South Carolina.

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Mr. Fleishman had an Aunt Dora long since dead from the town of America's Georgia.

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He felt she might be the same Dora Fleishman who married Joshua Lazarus.

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Unfortunately, Mr. Fleishman had lost touch with his Aunt Dora's family,

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but the letter only strengthened Jonathan Grady's resolve to find an heir to the Lazarus Family Bible.

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There are family members. There were four siblings, living siblings of his man, all married.

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There has to be a granddaughter, a great-granddaughter, a great-great-granddaughter.

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There's a relative there, I know.

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The original owner of the Bible, Charles Lazarus, died on the 4th of July, 1913

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and was buried at Mount Carmel Cemetery in New York.

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Any direct descendant of Charles and his wife Fanny would have a legitimate claim to the Family Bible.

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Next, a respected physician is now on the run, charged with sexual assault.

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We will call the young woman you are about to meet Patricia.

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She is the daughter of a military chaplain.

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Really awful.

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On January 7th, 1992, when she was 19, Patricia went to a clinic in San Diego, California,

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complaining of flu symptoms.

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Okay, thank you.

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Patricia had a very long life.

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She was a nurse.

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Okay, thank you.

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Patricia had no way of knowing that the doctor who had examined her that day

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had recently been forced to resign from the staff of another clinic.

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Four different complaints of sexual misconduct had been filed against him,

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each by a young woman in her 20s.

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The doctor's name was Arvin Sinha, a California state medical board

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who chose not to revoke his license, stating that all four complaints were cases of the patient's word against the doctors.

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You definitely are a good doctor.

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I know, that's what I thought.

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Dr. Sinha right now.

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He kept asking me questions about family, about having a boyfriend.

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I was really sick.

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I had a fever, I wasn't feeling well.

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This combined with all the questioning, it really just threw me off, you know.

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I just figured that he was just trying to be more helpful and caring.

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Yeah, yeah.

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You have a boyfriend?

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Patricia says that with a nurse gone, Dr. Sinha's examination became a criminal assault.

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He manipulated me into a position where I couldn't even see what he was doing.

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And I didn't even know what he was doing or trying to do until I finally realized that he had raped me.

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After he had left the room, I just started crying.

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I knew what had happened, but I just could not believe that had happened to me.

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I'm okay, yeah.

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Patricia was afraid to let anyone at the clinic know what had happened.

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She telephoned her mother.

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A short time later, Patricia's parents took her to another hospital.

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She was examined and the authorities duly notified.

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After a week-long investigation, Dr. Arvin Sinha was arrested by Detective Christine Gregg of the San Diego Police Department.

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He had no reaction.

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He kept repeating after I told him what she was alleging.

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He said, oh, how interesting.

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And throughout the interview, he repeated how interesting.

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No emotion, no reaction, just...

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He said he didn't do it, that he might have been framed, but I would have expected a little reaction out of an innocent person.

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The next day, Dr. Sinha posted his own \$175,000 bail.

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Within a month, he had disappeared.

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Later, his medical license was revoked by the State of California.

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Every woman he's around is in danger.

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He's not gonna stop.

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He had four warnings and lost a job and then he came back and raped Patricia.

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He's not gonna stop.

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The only two places I really felt safe was at church or at the doctor's office, you know.

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And now, you know, I don't have that trust for anybody anywhere.

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The End

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Join me next time for another intriguing edition of Unsolved Mysteries.

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The End

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