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This program is about unsolved mysteries.

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Whenever possible, the actual family members and police

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officials have participated in recreating the events.

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

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Recently, we were astonished to discover that,

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according to one medical researcher,

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50% of all Americans who lost a loved one

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say they have later been visited by that loved one.

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From beyond the grave.

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After her husband, John, died, Patty Eglinton

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assisted on several occasions.

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He appeared to her and endowed her with a strength to carry on.

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In 1984, 18-year-old Paige Rourke left home for an evening out.

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Six hours later, she was killed by a drunk driver.

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Incredibly, Paige's mother and grandmother

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both claim they were visited by Paige's spirit,

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hallucinations, and the death of her husband.

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Illucination, a remarkable unexplained phenomenon.

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When a nurse named Kathleen Belcher

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began talking to her mother about blood types,

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she never dreamed the conversation would

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spring the lock on a deeply held secret.

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Her mother's post-World War II romance

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and the true identity of Kathleen's biological father.

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Join me for these fascinating stories.

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Perhaps you may be able to help solve a mystery.

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What Happens Beyond the Grave When Life is Over?

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Despite a myriad of religious beliefs,

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there seems to be one surprising area of consensus.

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According to a noted medical researcher,

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seven out of 10 widows and widowers in the United States

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report that their spouses have come back

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to visit them after death.

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Hallucination?

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Or does a bond of matrimony transcend the grave?

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January 28, 1989.

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John and Patty Eglinton, along with their two young sons,

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Johnny and Chris were packing up after a day of skiing.

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A head lay a 70-mile drive to their home in a Seattle suburb.

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00:03:02,200 --> 00:03:06,040

Everything was calm, routine, normal.

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00:03:06,040 --> 00:03:07,520

OK, guys, as soon as we get home,

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00:03:07,520 --> 00:03:09,760

I want you right in bed, OK?

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00:03:09,760 --> 00:03:11,440

Honey, they'll be sound asleep before you ever

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00:03:11,440 --> 00:03:12,840

pull in the driveway.

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00:03:12,840 --> 00:03:14,200

Then disaster.

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00:03:23,400 --> 00:03:26,440

The Eggleston's car careened off this bridge

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00:03:26,440 --> 00:03:28,560

and plummeted into the river below,

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00:03:28,560 --> 00:03:33,000

a free fall of more than 80 feet.

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00:03:33,000 --> 00:03:34,560

It was pitch dark.

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00:03:34,560 --> 00:03:37,320

The car rapidly filled with icy water.

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00:03:37,320 --> 00:03:39,920

Patty Eggleston was badly injured.

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00:03:39,920 --> 00:03:41,920

Yet at the moment she might have panicked,

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00:03:41,920 --> 00:03:46,120

Patty was suffused with an inexplicable calm.

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00:03:46,120 --> 00:03:49,520

I had this feeling come through me and feel me

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00:03:49,560 --> 00:03:58,400

and feel every pore, every cell of my being with warmth and love.

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00:03:58,400 --> 00:04:02,360

It was pure love and it was guidance.

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00:04:02,360 --> 00:04:07,880

And that feeling gave me the knowledge and the strength

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00:04:07,880 --> 00:04:11,320

to do what I needed to do next.

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00:04:11,320 --> 00:04:14,000

Patty did not at first realize that her husband John

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00:04:14,000 --> 00:04:15,800

had died on impact.

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00:04:15,800 --> 00:04:18,360

But she came to believe that it was John's spirit,

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even after death which inspired her,

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gave her the strength to break free and rescue her boys.

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Johnny and Christopher were saved by the heroic efforts

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of their mother and a brave passerby who

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00:04:31,280 --> 00:04:32,800

plunged into the river to help.

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00:04:36,400 --> 00:04:38,360

After a brief stay in the hospital,

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00:04:38,360 --> 00:04:42,760

Patty Eggleston returned home and struggled to be strong.

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00:04:42,760 --> 00:04:45,120

Patty says it when things seemed bleakest.

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00:04:45,120 --> 00:04:48,200

She once again sensed John's spirit

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00:04:48,200 --> 00:04:51,840

at first it was at night in the bedroom.

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00:04:51,840 --> 00:04:55,680

I was woken up from a sound sleep with the feeling

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00:04:55,680 --> 00:04:58,400

that John had just been there.

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00:04:58,400 --> 00:05:00,640

I could feel him.

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00:05:00,640 --> 00:05:02,840

I could smell him.

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00:05:02,840 --> 00:05:07,480

I could feel where he was in the bed.

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00:05:07,480 --> 00:05:10,880

The only sensation I didn't have was visual.

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00:05:10,880 --> 00:05:12,680

I did not see him.

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00:05:12,680 --> 00:05:16,440

Every other part of it I felt and experienced.

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00:05:16,440 --> 00:05:19,120

And it was not a dream.

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It was too real to be a dream.

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Eventually, a Seattle physician, Melvin Morse,

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heard about Patty Eggleston.

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Dr. Morse has documented hundreds of after-death visits

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and believes that such visits actually

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happen, that they are not simply the product

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00:05:37,760 --> 00:05:41,160

of overactive imaginations.

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I feel that the fact that these experiences are

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00:05:44,000 --> 00:05:47,360

emotionally dynamic, that they help to heal grief,

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00:05:47,360 --> 00:05:50,120

and that people learn from them are

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00:05:50,120 --> 00:05:52,920

a powerful piece of circumstantial evidence.

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And I grant that it's circumstantial.

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00:05:55,160 --> 00:05:57,920

But a powerful piece of circumstantial evidence

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that that experience is at least as real

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00:06:01,240 --> 00:06:04,840

as any other human experience.

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00:06:04,840 --> 00:06:08,840

For Patty, John's presence became more and more real.

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00:06:08,840 --> 00:06:12,520

Finally, he appeared in bodily form.

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00:06:12,520 --> 00:06:14,920

I was sitting in my living room and had the lights on.

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00:06:14,920 --> 00:06:17,440

And I was sitting on the couch reading a book.

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00:06:17,440 --> 00:06:18,800

I just kind of glanced up.

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00:06:18,800 --> 00:06:21,200

And John was there.

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00:06:21,200 --> 00:06:24,520

I couldn't touch him, but I could see him.

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00:06:24,520 --> 00:06:26,240

And he started communicating to me.

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00:06:26,240 --> 00:06:29,000

And I say communicating because he was not

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00:06:29,000 --> 00:06:30,760

talking with his lips.

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00:06:30,760 --> 00:06:33,560

I think John is beginning to feel better.

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00:06:33,560 --> 00:06:35,000

I think so too.

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00:06:35,000 --> 00:06:36,280

But it was a conversation.

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00:06:36,280 --> 00:06:38,280

It was a two-way conversation.

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00:06:38,280 --> 00:06:39,360

He was talking to me.

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00:06:39,360 --> 00:06:40,920

I was talking to him.

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00:06:40,920 --> 00:06:43,600

I don't know if I can do this alone.

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00:06:43,600 --> 00:06:46,320

I'm here to tell you that you can.

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00:06:46,320 --> 00:06:49,480

There's a reason you survived.

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00:06:49,480 --> 00:06:51,400

Remember to trust.

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00:06:51,400 --> 00:06:54,440

And you'll always know what to do.

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00:06:54,440 --> 00:06:56,120

Thank you.

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00:06:56,120 --> 00:07:01,280

Patty says that John's visits continued for nearly a year.

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00:07:01,280 --> 00:07:05,520

Looking back, I know it was he didn't come anymore

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00:07:05,520 --> 00:07:08,120

after I had gotten my life together.

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00:07:08,120 --> 00:07:08,960

I was OK.

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00:07:08,960 --> 00:07:11,280

I was truly OK.

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00:07:11,280 --> 00:07:12,440

Things were still rough.

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00:07:12,440 --> 00:07:14,080

I was still hurting.

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00:07:14,080 --> 00:07:19,120

But I had gained enough strength, personal strength,

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00:07:19,120 --> 00:07:21,160

that I could go on without him.

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00:07:21,160 --> 00:07:23,080

And he wasn't there anymore.

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00:07:26,400 --> 00:07:28,880

Despite Patty Eggelson's obvious sincerity,

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00:07:28,880 --> 00:07:30,280

her experience could be written off

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00:07:30,280 --> 00:07:33,480

as a spouse's grief-induced hallucination.

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But widows and widowers are not the only ones

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who report after death visits.

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In fact, some studies claim that more than 50%

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of the population has experienced this phenomenon.

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Many are afraid to talk about it openly.

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But the family of 18-year-old Paige Rourke

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00:07:48,080 --> 00:07:49,440

agreed to share their story.

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00:07:52,640 --> 00:07:54,560

Paige was our baby.

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00:07:54,560 --> 00:07:57,640

And we were just so pleased to have her.

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00:07:57,640 --> 00:08:00,840

She was a fun child.

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00:08:00,840 --> 00:08:05,280

She loved people, even from when she was a little girl.

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00:08:05,280 --> 00:08:09,360

There was a sparkle in her eyes and in her demeanor.

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00:08:09,360 --> 00:08:11,480

Hi, Mom.

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00:08:11,480 --> 00:08:15,880

On the afternoon of April 14, 1984, Paige Colleen Rourke

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00:08:15,880 --> 00:08:18,080

left her house in Fallbrook, California

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00:08:18,080 --> 00:08:20,200

for an outing with friends.

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00:08:20,200 --> 00:08:21,120

Forget something?

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00:08:24,600 --> 00:08:25,520

I love you, Mom.

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00:08:25,520 --> 00:08:26,400

I love you, too.

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00:08:36,040 --> 00:08:41,200

Six hours later, Paige Rourke was dead.

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00:08:41,200 --> 00:08:43,120

She and one of her friends had been killed

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00:08:43,120 --> 00:08:47,400

when a drunk driver smashed into their car.

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00:08:47,400 --> 00:08:51,400

I have never felt so helpless and hopeless and out

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00:08:51,400 --> 00:08:53,560

of control in my life.

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00:08:53,560 --> 00:08:57,680

It was as though my heart was crushed.

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00:08:57,680 --> 00:09:01,560

You can't see the scars on me because they're inside.

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00:09:01,560 --> 00:09:04,280

It's almost as if I'm in a car.

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00:09:04,640 --> 00:09:08,640

It's almost as if I've marked my life from the moment

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00:09:08,640 --> 00:09:10,280

I was told that she was dead.

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00:09:14,000 --> 00:09:17,000

Cynthia tried to escape her grief by running.

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00:09:17,000 --> 00:09:19,160

It was an activity for which she and Paige

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00:09:19,160 --> 00:09:20,040

had a shared passion.

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00:09:22,720 --> 00:09:28,400

Two days after the crash, Cynthia left her house at 5 AM.

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00:09:28,400 --> 00:09:30,720

She ran for more than an hour.

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00:09:30,720 --> 00:09:34,240

Then, as dawn was breaking, she

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00:09:34,600 --> 00:09:37,200

I was coming back towards home.

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00:09:37,200 --> 00:09:40,320

And there were rays of sunshine coming down

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00:09:40,320 --> 00:09:41,880

through the trees.

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00:09:41,880 --> 00:09:43,760

And they were beautiful.

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00:09:43,760 --> 00:09:45,160

I stopped.

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00:09:45,160 --> 00:09:47,560

And I looked up into that light.

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00:09:47,560 --> 00:09:48,560

And I was blinded.

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00:09:48,560 --> 00:09:51,520

It was like it was just white.

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00:09:51,520 --> 00:09:53,920

And then I heard Paige.

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00:09:53,920 --> 00:09:55,480

I'm OK, Mom.

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00:09:55,480 --> 00:09:57,320

Paige.

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00:09:57,320 --> 00:09:59,720

I can see through that light.

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00:09:59,720 --> 00:10:01,520

I'm with the Lord.

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00:10:01,520 --> 00:10:03,200

And I'm OK.

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00:10:04,000 --> 00:10:04,900

Paige.

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00:10:07,640 --> 00:10:12,280

I remember a feeling of joy, of peace.

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00:10:12,280 --> 00:10:14,440

I didn't expect it.

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00:10:14,440 --> 00:10:17,440

I didn't try to have it happen.

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00:10:17,440 --> 00:10:23,400

I feel that at the point I was, I was extremely, extremely

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00:10:23,400 --> 00:10:24,880

devastated.

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00:10:24,880 --> 00:10:28,680

And it turned my whole thinking around at that point.

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00:10:29,520 --> 00:10:31,480

Later, Cynthia would be stunned to find out

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00:10:31,480 --> 00:10:34,800

that her mother, who lived 1,000 miles away in Denver,

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00:10:34,800 --> 00:10:37,360

had had an even more vivid experience.

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00:10:41,000 --> 00:10:42,400

I love you, Grandma.

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00:10:49,320 --> 00:10:51,200

Paige.

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00:10:51,200 --> 00:10:52,120

Yes.

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00:10:54,600 --> 00:10:55,520

I'm OK.

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00:10:58,800 --> 00:10:59,800

You are?

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00:10:59,800 --> 00:11:01,320

Yes.

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00:11:01,320 --> 00:11:03,680

And so is my mom.

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00:11:03,680 --> 00:11:06,120

She said, I have seen my mom.

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00:11:06,120 --> 00:11:07,000

That's my mother.

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00:11:07,000 --> 00:11:08,600

And I'm going to take care of her.

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00:11:08,600 --> 00:11:10,480

You go.

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00:11:10,480 --> 00:11:12,680

I had never told anyone I'd had this.

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00:11:12,680 --> 00:11:15,920

I thought maybe they would think something's wrong with me.

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00:11:15,920 --> 00:11:19,840

But it was very clear to me that I had a vision.

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00:11:19,840 --> 00:11:20,920

I love you, Grandma.

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00:11:20,920 --> 00:11:24,040

And she was just so beautiful and perfect.

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00:11:24,040 --> 00:11:26,080

And here we were worried about her.

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00:11:26,080 --> 00:11:29,960

And she was comforting us all the time, comforting me.

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00:11:29,960 --> 00:11:31,920

OK.

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00:11:31,920 --> 00:11:34,440

And it was just very real.

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00:11:34,440 --> 00:11:37,360

And I know, I know what happened.

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00:11:37,360 --> 00:11:39,280

I know it in my heart.

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00:11:45,120 --> 00:11:47,720

Prior to my research, these experiences

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00:11:47,720 --> 00:11:52,720

have been thought to simply be grief-induced hallucinations,

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00:11:52,720 --> 00:11:55,680

passive fantasies of the mind struggling

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00:11:55,680 --> 00:11:58,320

to deal with a terrible loss.

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00:11:58,320 --> 00:12:01,280

The difference is that I'm saying that death-related visions

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00:12:01,280 --> 00:12:04,080

and post-death visitations are real.

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00:12:04,080 --> 00:12:05,480

They're emotionally dynamic.

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00:12:05,480 --> 00:12:07,400

We can learn things from them.

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00:12:07,400 --> 00:12:09,720

That they're actually an interaction

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00:12:09,720 --> 00:12:14,000

between the person who has died and the person who

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00:12:14,000 --> 00:12:16,760

is seeing the vision.

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00:12:16,760 --> 00:12:20,360

Dr. Barry Bierstein, a physiological psychologist,

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00:12:20,360 --> 00:12:22,320

disagrees.

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00:12:22,320 --> 00:12:23,640

I believe these people are telling us

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00:12:23,640 --> 00:12:24,960

some very interesting things.

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00:12:24,960 --> 00:12:28,120

I think they're telling us honest recollections of what

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00:12:28,120 --> 00:12:29,280

it seemed like to them.

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00:12:29,280 --> 00:12:31,560

And so I'm interested in their experiences.

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00:12:31,560 --> 00:12:34,840

Now, I don't interpret them probably the way they do.

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00:12:34,840 --> 00:12:38,440

I think these are things that seemed incredibly real to them,

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00:12:38,440 --> 00:12:41,360

but probably didn't exist in reality outside the theater

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00:12:41,360 --> 00:12:43,400

of their own minds.

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00:12:43,400 --> 00:12:47,520

I don't want to be perceived as a nutcase.

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00:12:47,520 --> 00:12:49,280

But it is important.

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00:12:49,280 --> 00:12:53,400

It's very important for people out there

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00:12:53,400 --> 00:12:58,200

to hear this story if it helps one person.

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00:12:58,200 --> 00:13:00,640

And I'll share this story, and I'll

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00:13:00,640 --> 00:13:05,800

continue to share it for whoever ever needs to hear it.

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Is there any way to explain what happened to the families

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of John Eggleston and Paige Rorder?

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Can the dead return, or our after-death visit simply

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00:13:15,320 --> 00:13:18,560

the echo of a strong earthly love?

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00:13:18,560 --> 00:13:20,840

Perhaps we will never know the answers.

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00:13:20,840 --> 00:13:23,240

Perhaps it does not matter.

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00:13:23,280 --> 00:13:26,840

As Albert Einstein once said, the greatest experience

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00:13:26,840 --> 00:13:29,240

we can have is the mysterious.

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On August 3, 1957, the streets around St. Bonaventure's

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monastery in Detroit, Michigan, swelled with some 10,000

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mourners.

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It was one of the largest funerals in the city's history.

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00:13:55,120 --> 00:13:57,520

The inspiration for this massive outpouring

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was not the death of a powerful carton or archbishop,

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but rather the passing of a humble friar named

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00:14:03,600 --> 00:14:05,000

Father Solanas Casey.

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For more than 50 years, Father Solanas

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00:14:10,240 --> 00:14:12,720

was a church receptionist and doorman,

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one of the lowest-ranking priests in the Catholic hierarchy.

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00:14:18,080 --> 00:14:22,760

Father Solanas was a man who really cared for people.

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00:14:22,760 --> 00:14:26,640

And when people came to him with their worries and fears

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00:14:26,640 --> 00:14:32,680

and pains, he had a way of simply giving him courage

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00:14:32,680 --> 00:14:36,320

to live their life the way it was.

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00:14:36,320 --> 00:14:38,760

Those whose lives were touched by Father Solanas

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00:14:38,760 --> 00:14:41,640

claim that he sat at the right hand of God.

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00:14:41,640 --> 00:14:44,800

To them, Solanas was a miracle worker.

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00:14:44,800 --> 00:14:47,920

Even today, some still turn to Father Solanas

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00:14:47,920 --> 00:14:51,760

for help when facing a medical crisis.

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00:14:51,760 --> 00:14:55,480

I do believe my prayer to Father Solanas was answered.

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00:14:55,480 --> 00:14:57,080

It's the first time my prayers have really

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00:14:57,080 --> 00:15:01,600

been answered like that in such a dramatic way.

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I'm still in awe of what had happened.

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00:15:03,600 --> 00:15:07,600

I have no other explanation for it.

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Joanne, the mammogram was positive.

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00:15:10,680 --> 00:15:14,120

In the fall of 1990, David Whitcop's wife, Joanne,

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developed a lump in her breast.

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00:15:15,800 --> 00:15:16,960

I think we should move quickly.

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00:15:16,960 --> 00:15:19,680

I'd like to set it up as soon as possible.

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00:15:19,680 --> 00:15:24,120

We were concerned whether this density could be a cancer.

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00:15:24,120 --> 00:15:25,880

We weren't sure what we were dealing with.

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00:15:25,880 --> 00:15:28,880

So medically, you have to do a biopsy to see

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00:15:28,880 --> 00:15:30,320

is it benign or malignant?

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00:15:34,080 --> 00:15:37,240

An appointment with a surgeon was scheduled immediately.

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00:15:37,240 --> 00:15:39,560

When David and Joanne arrived at the hospital,

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00:15:39,560 --> 00:15:42,200

they happened upon a small prayer room.

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00:15:42,200 --> 00:15:46,720

There hung a portrait of Father Solanas' casey.

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00:15:46,720 --> 00:15:48,920

I was very desperate.

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00:15:48,920 --> 00:15:51,520

And I just prayed to Father Solanas

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00:15:51,520 --> 00:15:53,440

that there would be no more surgery.

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00:15:53,440 --> 00:15:58,960

And I just wanted Joanne not to have this kind of operation

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00:15:58,960 --> 00:15:59,760

at all anymore.

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00:16:02,320 --> 00:16:04,320

Joanne was wheeled into surgery.

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00:16:04,320 --> 00:16:07,720

And David prepared for a long, anxious wait.

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00:16:07,720 --> 00:16:08,560

David?

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00:16:08,560 --> 00:16:09,880

Joanne?

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00:16:09,880 --> 00:16:12,640

I looked up and it was Joanne out in the hallway there.

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00:16:12,640 --> 00:16:13,960

We're going home.

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00:16:13,960 --> 00:16:16,000

I thought, well, maybe they're taking her down

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00:16:16,000 --> 00:16:17,240

for surgery now.

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00:16:17,240 --> 00:16:18,360

Hello, Mr. Whitcoff.

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00:16:18,360 --> 00:16:19,160

Hello, Doctor.

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00:16:19,160 --> 00:16:21,520

We did another series of x-rays on your wife.

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00:16:21,520 --> 00:16:23,120

There's no sign of a mass.

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00:16:23,120 --> 00:16:24,120

What does that mean?

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00:16:24,120 --> 00:16:25,800

Well, we took another set of x-rays today

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00:16:25,800 --> 00:16:27,600

to locate the mass for the surgery.

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00:16:27,600 --> 00:16:29,640

But the plates were clean.

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00:16:29,640 --> 00:16:31,160

They didn't reveal any mass.

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00:16:31,160 --> 00:16:31,960

It's over.

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00:16:31,960 --> 00:16:36,840

David prayed to God that I wouldn't have surgery

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00:16:36,840 --> 00:16:39,600

and his prayers were answered.

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00:16:39,600 --> 00:16:45,600

Even though a half hour before, it looked hopeless.

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00:16:45,600 --> 00:16:48,920

And I believe that Solanus and God

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00:16:48,920 --> 00:16:53,560

saw fit to have a healing that day.

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00:16:53,560 --> 00:16:57,160

Miracles aren't usually things that I'm comfortable with.

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00:16:57,160 --> 00:16:58,520

I don't look for them.

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00:16:58,520 --> 00:16:59,760

I don't expect them.

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00:16:59,760 --> 00:17:02,920

I'm not a miracle worker.

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00:17:02,920 --> 00:17:05,400

I think Joanne believes it was a miracle.

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00:17:05,400 --> 00:17:07,840

And that's good enough for her in my mind.

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00:17:07,840 --> 00:17:11,040

All I know is it went away and she's better.

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00:17:11,040 --> 00:17:12,040

And I'm thankful for it.

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00:17:12,840 --> 00:17:17,760

Science has coined the term spontaneous remission

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00:17:17,760 --> 00:17:21,440

to account for sudden recoveries like Joanne Whitcobs.

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00:17:21,440 --> 00:17:24,280

But the faithful see her case as one more example

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00:17:24,280 --> 00:17:28,280

of the marvelous healing powers of Father Solanus Casey.

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A petition to declare Father Solanus a saint

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00:17:31,040 --> 00:17:33,520

is currently before the Vatican.

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A stunning tribute to a one-time Wisconsin farm boy

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named Bernard Casey.

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Bernard Casey was born in 1870, one of 16 brothers and sisters.

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At the age of 21, he was moved to dedicate his life

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00:17:50,680 --> 00:17:52,880

to the church.

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00:17:52,880 --> 00:17:58,160

That's where the classes ended.

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00:17:58,160 --> 00:18:01,440

Bernard was accepted at a seminary in Milwaukee, Wisconsin,

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00:18:01,440 --> 00:18:05,920

where classes were taught in German and Latin.

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00:18:05,920 --> 00:18:08,360

Bernard, who had not even completed high school,

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00:18:08,360 --> 00:18:11,160

struggled from the start.

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00:18:11,160 --> 00:18:14,120

Bernhard, do you understand everything?

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00:18:14,120 --> 00:18:15,040

Yes, Professor.

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00:18:15,040 --> 00:18:16,080

I believe so.

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00:18:16,080 --> 00:18:16,980

Good.

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00:18:16,980 --> 00:18:17,880

Thank you.

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00:18:17,880 --> 00:18:18,780

There.

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00:18:21,760 --> 00:18:24,440

Bernard was ultimately asked to withdraw.

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00:18:24,440 --> 00:18:27,480

He later enrolled in the Capuchin Seminary in Detroit,

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00:18:27,480 --> 00:18:30,240

where he was given the name Father Solanus.

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00:18:30,240 --> 00:18:34,480

Here, too, he floundered miserably in his studies.

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00:18:34,480 --> 00:18:37,400

Father Solanus was one of these people

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00:18:37,400 --> 00:18:42,520

who had difficulty remembering the question and answers

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00:18:42,520 --> 00:18:45,360

and theology and so on.

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00:18:45,360 --> 00:18:50,200

And as a result, he never really passed all the tests

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00:18:50,200 --> 00:18:52,760

in the seminary days.

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00:18:52,760 --> 00:18:59,080

Oremus fratres carissimi de un patrimon mi potentum.

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00:18:59,080 --> 00:19:02,120

Once again, Solanus was close to failure.

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00:19:02,120 --> 00:19:04,080

But a few of his superiors recognized

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00:19:04,080 --> 00:19:07,520

his spiritual character and proposed a compromise.

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00:19:07,520 --> 00:19:09,680

Solanus was ordained, but he was barred

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00:19:09,680 --> 00:19:12,240

from hearing confession, preaching a sermon,

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00:19:12,240 --> 00:19:15,120

or teaching the doctrine, all the most cherished

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00:19:15,120 --> 00:19:16,240

duties of a priest.

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00:19:20,200 --> 00:19:23,240

This was a rather humiliating thing.

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00:19:23,240 --> 00:19:27,800

But I think he accepted it as God's will.

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00:19:27,800 --> 00:19:32,520

And that act of humility then made him more pleasing in God's

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00:19:32,560 --> 00:19:35,880

sight, and so God could work great things through him.

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00:19:39,000 --> 00:19:42,080

After his ordination in 1904, Father Solanus

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00:19:42,080 --> 00:19:45,080

was sent to New York.

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00:19:45,080 --> 00:19:47,680

Father, I may have a word with you.

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00:19:47,680 --> 00:19:49,440

Yes, what is troubling you?

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00:19:49,440 --> 00:19:51,280

It's my daughter, Father.

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00:19:51,280 --> 00:19:53,640

Day in and day out, he would greet the parishioners

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00:19:53,640 --> 00:19:55,560

at a church in Yonkers.

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00:19:55,560 --> 00:20:00,880

Soon it was Father Solanus that the people came to see.

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00:20:00,880 --> 00:20:02,240

I'm afraid.

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00:20:02,240 --> 00:20:04,640

Oh, you must trust God, when you pray.

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00:20:04,640 --> 00:20:06,600

He will hear you.

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00:20:06,600 --> 00:20:08,160

Yes.

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00:20:08,160 --> 00:20:09,880

Yes.

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00:20:09,880 --> 00:20:13,160

Father Solanus served in New York for 20 years.

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00:20:13,160 --> 00:20:16,680

By the time he was transferred to St. Bonaventures in Detroit,

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00:20:16,680 --> 00:20:20,080

many had come to regard Solanus as a divine healer

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00:20:20,080 --> 00:20:24,280

with the power to intercede with God.

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00:20:24,280 --> 00:20:26,640

Oh, Dr. Clinton, sir, you're here.

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00:20:26,640 --> 00:20:27,520

Where's the bar?

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00:20:27,520 --> 00:20:28,840

Right upstairs.

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00:20:28,840 --> 00:20:31,880

Perhaps the most extraordinary cure ascribed to Solanus

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00:20:31,920 --> 00:20:35,120

came in the case of 12-year-old Charles Rogers.

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00:20:35,120 --> 00:20:37,720

His sister Helen, eight years old at the time,

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00:20:37,720 --> 00:20:40,400

remembers vividly.

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00:20:40,400 --> 00:20:44,680

In 1935, we had the polio epidemic in Detroit.

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00:20:44,680 --> 00:20:46,720

And at that time, my brother came down

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00:20:46,720 --> 00:20:49,960

with a severe headache and stiffness of the neck

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00:20:49,960 --> 00:20:52,760

that went down into his arms and legs.

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00:20:52,760 --> 00:20:56,760

And eventually, he ended up with spasms.

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00:20:56,760 --> 00:20:57,520

He would shake.

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00:20:57,520 --> 00:20:59,920

His body would shake.

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00:20:59,920 --> 00:21:04,080

Dr. Ronald Athe was one of Detroit's top polio specialists.

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00:21:04,080 --> 00:21:06,640

It didn't take him long to make the diagnosis.

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00:21:06,640 --> 00:21:09,760

Look at your leg.

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00:21:09,760 --> 00:21:10,400

What can we do?

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00:21:13,600 --> 00:21:15,360

Nothing.

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00:21:15,360 --> 00:21:19,800

But we must get him to the hospital tonight.

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00:21:19,800 --> 00:21:21,680

Dad wouldn't hear about it right away.

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00:21:21,680 --> 00:21:26,840

He wanted to see if things would change.

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00:21:26,880 --> 00:21:31,640

Father Solanus, Father Solanus, pardon me for interrupting you.

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00:21:31,640 --> 00:21:35,200

One of Mr. Rogers' employees heard about Charles' plate

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00:21:35,200 --> 00:21:38,040

and went straight to Father Solanus.

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00:21:38,040 --> 00:21:40,200

Will you please pray for him, Father?

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00:21:40,200 --> 00:21:43,880

I know you have the power to make him better.

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00:21:43,880 --> 00:21:45,360

Will you pray for him, Father?

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00:21:45,360 --> 00:21:46,600

Please.

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00:21:46,600 --> 00:21:47,760

Don't worry.

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00:21:47,760 --> 00:21:49,000

He will be better tonight.

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00:21:56,840 --> 00:22:08,080

Helen Gleason says her brother underwent a miraculous transformation

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00:22:08,080 --> 00:22:09,320

that very night.

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00:22:09,320 --> 00:22:11,320

Dad?

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00:22:11,320 --> 00:22:12,880

Mom?

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00:22:12,880 --> 00:22:14,240

Charles?

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00:22:14,240 --> 00:22:15,240

Charles, is that you?

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00:22:21,240 --> 00:22:22,720

How are you feeling?

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00:22:22,720 --> 00:22:25,280

All right.

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00:22:25,280 --> 00:22:27,000

Let's get you back to bed.

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00:22:27,000 --> 00:22:27,960

Come on.

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00:22:27,960 --> 00:22:31,480

Dr. Athe returned skeptical that Charles' condition could

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00:22:31,480 --> 00:22:33,440

possibly have improved.

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00:22:33,440 --> 00:22:34,360

Look at you.

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00:22:39,880 --> 00:22:41,360

Now, give me your hand.

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00:22:41,360 --> 00:22:42,920

Put it up against mine.

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00:22:42,920 --> 00:22:44,160

Push my hand back.

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00:22:44,160 --> 00:22:47,720

He told him to put his hand up against his and push

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00:22:47,720 --> 00:22:49,760

and do the same with the other hand.

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00:22:49,760 --> 00:22:51,040

And his muscles were moving.

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00:22:51,480 --> 00:22:53,880

The paralysis seemed to leave.

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00:22:53,880 --> 00:22:58,280

His paralyzed muscles seemed to get better.

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00:22:58,280 --> 00:22:59,640

And walk over to me.

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00:23:03,720 --> 00:23:08,400

And Dr. Athe said, Mr. Rogers, you did more than pray.

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00:23:08,400 --> 00:23:09,560

It's a miracle.

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00:23:09,560 --> 00:23:13,400

He says, this is indeed is a miracle.

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00:23:13,400 --> 00:23:17,200

And medical men do not use that term.

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00:23:18,200 --> 00:23:22,120

Medical men do not use that term.

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00:23:22,120 --> 00:23:25,800

According to Helen, Charles recovered fully within a month.

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00:23:25,800 --> 00:23:28,840

He lived to be 64 years old and was never again

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00:23:28,840 --> 00:23:30,800

troubled by any symptom of polio.

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00:23:33,520 --> 00:23:38,840

Father Solanas Casey retired in 1956 at the age of 85.

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00:23:38,840 --> 00:23:40,840

Until his death the following year,

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00:23:40,840 --> 00:23:43,240

medical problems caused him great suffering

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00:23:43,240 --> 00:23:45,920

though he complained little.

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00:23:45,960 --> 00:23:49,440

His skin became very red and scaly.

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00:23:49,440 --> 00:23:52,080

At times it was very burning.

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00:23:52,080 --> 00:23:55,160

And so it was very painful to him.

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00:23:55,160 --> 00:24:00,160

And so at the end of his life, his body was one of the witnesses

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00:24:00,160 --> 00:24:00,960

that described it.

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00:24:00,960 --> 00:24:04,320

He was as red as a lobster.

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00:24:04,320 --> 00:24:07,480

In 1966, Father Solanas was proposed

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00:24:07,480 --> 00:24:10,400

as a candidate for sainthood, a formal procedure that

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00:24:10,400 --> 00:24:12,480

often takes decades.

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00:24:12,480 --> 00:24:16,640

In 1987, 30 years after Solanas Casey's death,

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00:24:16,640 --> 00:24:19,480

his body was exhumed to allow church officials

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00:24:19,480 --> 00:24:24,880

to look for signs that might validate canonization.

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00:24:24,880 --> 00:24:28,440

While his hands and his face were somewhat darkened,

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00:24:28,440 --> 00:24:31,280

the rest of his body was very natural looking.

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00:24:31,280 --> 00:24:36,520

And in fact, the doctor even pressed and it was pliable.

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00:24:36,520 --> 00:24:42,320

But there was no sign of any skin disease of any kind.

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00:24:42,320 --> 00:24:44,280

Usually, after 30 years, there will

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00:24:44,280 --> 00:24:47,040

be significant decomposition.

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00:24:47,040 --> 00:24:49,880

The stunning condition of Solanas Casey's body,

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00:24:49,880 --> 00:24:52,160

reported by church officials, is said

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00:24:52,160 --> 00:24:55,360

to be characteristic of some candidates for sainthood.

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00:24:58,040 --> 00:25:00,120

Following the ritual examination,

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00:25:00,120 --> 00:25:02,120

the body of Father Solanas was placed

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00:25:02,120 --> 00:25:05,960

in a special sanctuary within St. Bonaventures.

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00:25:05,960 --> 00:25:08,360

As he did in life, Father Solanas

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00:25:08,360 --> 00:25:11,000

continues to draw pilgrims and inspire

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00:25:11,000 --> 00:25:14,600

believers from around the world.

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00:25:14,600 --> 00:25:16,720

To me, a lot of times, it's myself praying to God,

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00:25:16,720 --> 00:25:18,080

I need help.

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00:25:18,080 --> 00:25:23,600

So or I might need an interpreter if I can put it that way.

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00:25:23,600 --> 00:25:28,840

And I think he does help people do that.

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00:25:31,280 --> 00:25:33,120

She's very sick, Father.

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00:25:33,120 --> 00:25:36,640

Was Father Solanas a divinely inspired miracle worker who

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00:25:36,640 --> 00:25:39,560

somehow had the ear of God?

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00:25:39,560 --> 00:25:43,280

Or can his cures be explained in more earthly terms?

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00:25:43,280 --> 00:25:46,680

In the end, like the mystery of faith itself,

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00:25:46,680 --> 00:25:49,440

the only answer is in the eye of the beholder.

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00:25:54,120 --> 00:25:58,120

In a moment, when a well-guarded family secret is revealed,

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00:25:58,120 --> 00:26:00,640

a woman embarks on a search for her birth father.

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00:26:10,560 --> 00:26:14,080

In May of 1988 in Plants City, Florida,

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00:26:14,080 --> 00:26:16,360

a hospital nurse named Kathleen Belcher

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00:26:16,360 --> 00:26:19,680

received an urgent call from her mother Miriam.

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00:26:19,680 --> 00:26:22,840

Kathleen's stepfather was about to have major surgery

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00:26:22,840 --> 00:26:25,640

and needed several pints of blood from both Kathleen

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00:26:25,640 --> 00:26:26,640

and her sister.

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00:26:26,640 --> 00:26:29,680

But Bill's mostly afraid of the blood transfusion, age,

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00:26:29,680 --> 00:26:30,960

you know, things like that.

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00:26:30,960 --> 00:26:32,360

He wants us to donate blood.

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00:26:32,360 --> 00:26:34,120

Well, what's his blood type?

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00:26:34,120 --> 00:26:36,040

Kathleen was only too happy to help.

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00:26:36,040 --> 00:26:38,400

I could give him some of mine.

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00:26:38,400 --> 00:26:39,840

What are you, aren't you A, too?

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00:26:39,840 --> 00:26:41,760

No, no, I'm B.

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00:26:41,760 --> 00:26:44,440

Oh, I guess maybe it was Daddy who was A.

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00:26:44,440 --> 00:26:47,760

Kathleen never dreamed that this conversation with her mother

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00:26:47,760 --> 00:26:50,840

would prompt an extraordinary revelation.

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00:26:50,840 --> 00:26:52,040

Are you sure?

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00:26:52,040 --> 00:26:53,320

Yes, I'm sure.

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00:26:53,320 --> 00:26:55,480

Your father was an O.

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00:26:55,480 --> 00:26:58,600

And I said that's impossible because I have A positive

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00:26:58,600 --> 00:27:00,400

and I have to have one of your blood types.

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00:27:04,000 --> 00:27:06,440

Every person has to have either their mother

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00:27:06,440 --> 00:27:08,440

or their father's blood type.

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00:27:08,440 --> 00:27:11,560

And obviously, I did not.

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00:27:11,560 --> 00:27:13,960

I had A and my father or the man that raised me

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00:27:13,960 --> 00:27:19,160

and I thought was my father had O and my mother has B.

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00:27:19,160 --> 00:27:22,840

My heart went down to my feet and I thought, you know,

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00:27:22,840 --> 00:27:29,880

all these years and now this, my secret will be out.

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00:27:29,880 --> 00:27:34,840

Kathleen, I don't want to talk about this anymore, OK?

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00:27:34,840 --> 00:27:37,720

Miriam Terry had inadvertently revealed a secret

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00:27:37,720 --> 00:27:40,520

she had kept hidden for nearly 40 years,

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00:27:40,520 --> 00:27:43,560

the true identity of Kathleen's biological father.

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00:27:46,280 --> 00:27:49,880

Miriam was thrown back to the end of World War II

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00:27:49,880 --> 00:27:52,560

when she made the most agonizing decision of her life.

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00:27:55,840 --> 00:27:59,000

Miriam's first husband, Bud Terry, the man Kathleen knew

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00:27:59,000 --> 00:28:01,760

as her father had flown dozens of bombing missions

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00:28:01,760 --> 00:28:03,560

overseas.

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00:28:03,560 --> 00:28:07,640

After the war, Bud was a changed man.

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00:28:07,640 --> 00:28:10,200

Before he was in the service, he was a wonderful man.

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00:28:10,200 --> 00:28:13,320

When he came out of the service, he was completely different.

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00:28:13,320 --> 00:28:16,320

Bud could not get jobs anymore because every job he got,

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00:28:16,320 --> 00:28:20,160

he would write bad checks to customers and so on and so forth.

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00:28:20,160 --> 00:28:22,480

To pay his bills, his gambling debts,

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00:28:22,480 --> 00:28:25,240

and he was afraid of even being killed

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00:28:25,240 --> 00:28:27,400

because he owed gamblers.

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00:28:29,760 --> 00:28:31,760

That was sweet.

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00:28:31,760 --> 00:28:34,000

You got a four.

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00:28:34,000 --> 00:28:35,600

Bud's gambling was very bad.

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00:28:35,600 --> 00:28:39,120

I don't really have any idea how much he won,

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00:28:39,120 --> 00:28:41,760

how much he lost, but he was always in debt.

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00:28:41,760 --> 00:28:42,760

Come on, let's go.

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00:28:42,760 --> 00:28:45,760

Here we go, all right.

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00:28:45,760 --> 00:28:46,760

Easy, bud.

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00:28:46,760 --> 00:28:47,760

Jesus.

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00:28:47,760 --> 00:28:51,320

In 1945, Miriam and Bud had a daughter,

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00:28:51,320 --> 00:28:53,480

Kathleen's older sister.

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00:28:53,480 --> 00:28:57,360

In 1948, Bud reenlisted, hoping military discipline

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00:28:57,360 --> 00:28:59,880

would restore some order to his life.

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00:28:59,880 --> 00:29:01,440

It did not.

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00:29:01,440 --> 00:29:03,800

Bud Terry went AWOL, leaving Miriam

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00:29:03,800 --> 00:29:06,960

and their young daughter behind.

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00:29:06,960 --> 00:29:10,160

You've been alone a long time, darling,

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00:29:10,160 --> 00:29:15,240

and you really need to think about going out.

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00:29:15,240 --> 00:29:17,920

Miriam says Bud had been gone for several months

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00:29:17,920 --> 00:29:22,480

when his parents began to suggest Miriam start dating.

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00:29:22,480 --> 00:29:25,200

They even introduced her to Chet Norris, the bartender

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00:29:25,200 --> 00:29:28,920

at their local social club in Covington, Kentucky.

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00:29:28,920 --> 00:29:31,120

He's been looking at you.

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00:29:31,120 --> 00:29:33,160

I didn't know much about him at the time.

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00:29:33,160 --> 00:29:34,520

He was very nice looking.

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00:29:34,520 --> 00:29:36,080

He had dark eyes.

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00:29:36,080 --> 00:29:40,800

I want to introduce you to Miriam, our daughter-in-law.

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00:29:40,800 --> 00:29:42,080

How do you do?

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00:29:42,080 --> 00:29:44,280

Hi.

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00:29:44,280 --> 00:29:45,520

He had a good personality.

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00:29:45,520 --> 00:29:49,040

He was just very nice, and he seemed to be attracted to me.

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00:29:49,040 --> 00:29:52,760

I hadn't, I really didn't even feel like a woman

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00:29:52,760 --> 00:29:54,000

anymore at this time.

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00:29:54,000 --> 00:29:57,120

I felt deserted, like I was unattractive,

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00:29:57,120 --> 00:29:59,280

like I was nothing.

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00:29:59,320 --> 00:30:01,000

So what do you like to do?

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00:30:04,000 --> 00:30:05,440

For fun.

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00:30:05,440 --> 00:30:07,520

I like to dance.

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00:30:07,520 --> 00:30:08,600

I love to dance.

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00:30:11,360 --> 00:30:13,240

Do you dance?

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00:30:13,240 --> 00:30:14,600

No.

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00:30:14,600 --> 00:30:16,480

Well, not very well.

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00:30:16,480 --> 00:30:19,640

From his tentative beginnings, Miriam and Chet's friendship

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00:30:19,640 --> 00:30:21,000

quickly blossomed.

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00:30:21,000 --> 00:30:22,520

Thanks, Carav, a few horses.

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00:30:22,520 --> 00:30:25,080

I wanted a divorce from my husband,

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00:30:25,080 --> 00:30:27,280

and I wanted to marry Chet.

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00:30:27,280 --> 00:30:28,560

And he wanted to marry me.

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00:30:31,800 --> 00:30:32,700

You did?

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00:30:32,700 --> 00:30:34,920

I got this job.

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00:30:34,920 --> 00:30:37,720

Chet began to think about a future with Miriam.

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00:30:37,720 --> 00:30:39,560

He quit his job at the club and found

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00:30:39,560 --> 00:30:41,160

work as an apprentice tilesetter.

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00:30:41,160 --> 00:30:42,560

I got that job.

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00:30:42,560 --> 00:30:44,800

I'm so proud of you.

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00:30:44,800 --> 00:30:46,680

Six months flew by.

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00:30:46,680 --> 00:30:49,320

Then reality came crashing down.

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00:30:49,320 --> 00:30:51,680

Miriam's husband, Bud Terry, was arrested

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00:30:51,680 --> 00:30:54,520

by military authorities.

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00:30:54,520 --> 00:30:57,440

And they had found him living with another woman in Indian

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00:30:57,440 --> 00:31:02,600

apolis all this while.

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00:31:02,600 --> 00:31:08,160

And I was so upset because of my,

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00:31:08,160 --> 00:31:13,240

I did not want to go back to him that I didn't care what I did.

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00:31:13,240 --> 00:31:19,480

And I felt like I just lost my cool, I guess,

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00:31:19,480 --> 00:31:20,840

and I got pregnant.

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00:31:25,520 --> 00:31:28,560

Miriam was an aquandary, pregnant,

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00:31:28,560 --> 00:31:30,720

and in love with a man who wasn't her husband.

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00:31:34,720 --> 00:31:38,640

Can I tell you something?

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00:31:38,640 --> 00:31:40,920

I'm not sure it's good news.

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00:31:40,920 --> 00:31:41,960

Sure, of course.

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00:31:41,960 --> 00:31:43,120

What is it?

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00:31:43,120 --> 00:31:44,040

I'm pregnant.

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00:31:44,040 --> 00:31:46,000

I mean, I think I'm pregnant.

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00:31:46,000 --> 00:31:47,680

You can't be.

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00:31:47,680 --> 00:31:49,600

I don't think I can have kids.

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00:31:49,600 --> 00:31:52,560

Chet, I'm telling you, I've been pregnant before.

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00:31:52,600 --> 00:31:56,680

Remember, I feel like I am.

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00:31:56,680 --> 00:32:00,360

Well, if you are, let's go get married.

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00:32:00,360 --> 00:32:03,160

I mean, we've been talking about getting married anyway.

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00:32:03,160 --> 00:32:05,680

So let's do it.

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00:32:05,680 --> 00:32:09,000

Well, I have to divorce Bud first.

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00:32:09,000 --> 00:32:10,480

That shouldn't be a problem, should it?

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00:32:17,360 --> 00:32:20,080

Miriam soon visited Bud in jail.

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00:32:20,080 --> 00:32:21,000

I remember.

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00:32:22,560 --> 00:32:25,760

She was determined to end their marriage.

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00:32:25,760 --> 00:32:31,640

The only reason I'm here is because I wanted divorce.

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00:32:31,640 --> 00:32:34,680

Miriam, I'm sorry for what I did.

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00:32:34,680 --> 00:32:37,560

Bud, I've met someone else.

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00:32:37,560 --> 00:32:40,760

I love him, and he loves me, and we want to get married.

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00:32:43,320 --> 00:32:44,080

No.

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00:32:44,080 --> 00:32:45,960

Bud, you were the one that left Deborah and me.

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00:32:45,960 --> 00:32:49,560

Although my husband had been gone all this while,

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00:32:49,560 --> 00:32:52,040

and I didn't feel I loved him anymore,

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00:32:52,040 --> 00:32:55,600

I was worried about losing my daughter.

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00:32:55,600 --> 00:32:57,040

I'm back, and that's that.

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00:32:57,040 --> 00:32:58,760

We are not getting divorced.

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00:33:01,760 --> 00:33:05,960

Bud, I'm pregnant.

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00:33:05,960 --> 00:33:07,000

Did you hear what I said?

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00:33:07,000 --> 00:33:09,000

I said that I am pregnant.

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00:33:13,320 --> 00:33:18,800

He bashed his head against the wall and cried,

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00:33:18,800 --> 00:33:23,560

and then he said, I want you to come back anyway,

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00:33:23,560 --> 00:33:25,360

and nobody will ever have to know.

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00:33:25,360 --> 00:33:27,640

Just come back to me.

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00:33:27,640 --> 00:33:31,480

So at this time, I felt like I was between a rock

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00:33:31,480 --> 00:33:34,000

and a hard place.

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00:33:34,000 --> 00:33:35,640

What about the baby?

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00:33:35,640 --> 00:33:39,000

What are you going to do about that, tell Bud it's his?

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00:33:39,000 --> 00:33:41,000

Miriam decided that hiding the truth

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00:33:41,000 --> 00:33:43,720

was the only way out of the emotional tangle.

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00:33:43,720 --> 00:33:46,920

She told Chet that she was not pregnant after all.

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00:33:46,960 --> 00:33:49,160

You're not pregnant?

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00:33:49,160 --> 00:33:50,600

Jeez, Miriam.

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00:33:50,600 --> 00:33:53,480

Look, I know things are very complicated right now.

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00:33:53,480 --> 00:33:58,440

It was terribly hard, but I felt I had no choice.

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00:33:58,440 --> 00:34:00,240

I felt I had to do that.

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00:34:00,240 --> 00:34:01,240

It was awful.

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00:34:01,240 --> 00:34:02,240

It's really awful.

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00:34:02,240 --> 00:34:03,880

Just take Deborah and leave.

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00:34:03,880 --> 00:34:06,160

Yeah, we take Deborah and leave.

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00:34:06,160 --> 00:34:07,360

Oh, be reasonable.

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00:34:07,360 --> 00:34:08,160

I can't.

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00:34:08,160 --> 00:34:09,280

You can't just sit there.

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00:34:09,280 --> 00:34:10,360

You have to do something.

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00:34:10,360 --> 00:34:13,000

I am doing something.

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00:34:13,000 --> 00:34:16,120

I'm staying here with Deborah and Bud.

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00:34:18,800 --> 00:34:22,120

He was very upset and very angry and said,

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00:34:22,120 --> 00:34:25,080

this is going to happen again and again and again.

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00:34:25,080 --> 00:34:28,240

You'll see your life is just going to be one of misery.

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00:34:33,760 --> 00:34:38,880

Never heard anything about him ever anymore.

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00:34:38,880 --> 00:34:41,480

It was like he dropped off of the face of the earth.

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00:34:44,000 --> 00:34:46,960

Bud Terry was released from jail after Miriam

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00:34:46,960 --> 00:34:49,800

wrote to a judge begging for clemency.

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00:34:49,800 --> 00:34:53,480

Kathleen was born on February 12, 1950.

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00:34:53,480 --> 00:34:58,520

And true to his word, Bud raised her as his own.

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00:34:58,520 --> 00:35:01,440

He never gave me any indication that he knew that I was not

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00:35:01,440 --> 00:35:02,920

his.

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00:35:02,920 --> 00:35:06,240

There's no way that I would ever know.

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00:35:06,240 --> 00:35:08,160

In fact, I have renewed respect for him

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00:35:08,160 --> 00:35:09,480

because he never let me know.

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00:35:09,480 --> 00:35:12,560

He always loved me and loved me equal.

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00:35:12,680 --> 00:35:14,360

And we spent a lot of time together.

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00:35:16,800 --> 00:35:19,120

Bud struggled to make his marriage work,

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00:35:19,120 --> 00:35:21,120

but his addiction to gambling kept the family

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00:35:21,120 --> 00:35:23,200

on the brink of bankruptcy.

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00:35:23,200 --> 00:35:26,920

In 1969, he and Miriam finally divorced.

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00:35:26,920 --> 00:35:29,920

Miriam remarried in 1974.

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00:35:29,920 --> 00:35:33,080

Bud Terry committed suicide around that time.

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00:35:33,080 --> 00:35:37,000

And Miriam assumed her secret would be safe forever.

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00:35:37,000 --> 00:35:39,880

More than a decade would pass before circumstance

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00:35:39,920 --> 00:35:43,520

forced her to tell Kathleen the truth.

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00:35:43,520 --> 00:35:46,360

Well, I don't know about things like that.

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00:35:46,360 --> 00:35:49,240

I would have taken this secret to my grave.

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00:35:49,240 --> 00:35:54,400

But since it's my fault, or because of me that this happened,

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00:35:54,400 --> 00:35:57,360

I want to help her because I love my daughter.

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00:36:02,200 --> 00:36:04,480

With her mother's blessings, Kathleen Belcher

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00:36:04,480 --> 00:36:06,960

has spent six years searching for her father

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00:36:06,960 --> 00:36:09,840

using social security records, classified ads,

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00:36:09,840 --> 00:36:11,160

and computer hotlines.

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00:36:11,160 --> 00:36:13,480

If you know anybody or you have a relative

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00:36:13,480 --> 00:36:15,760

with the name of Chetlee Norris.

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00:36:15,760 --> 00:36:18,000

Kathleen has phone literally hundreds of Norris

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00:36:18,000 --> 00:36:19,600

is across the country.

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00:36:19,600 --> 00:36:22,200

But today, she is no closer to seeing her father

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00:36:22,200 --> 00:36:24,320

than when she first began to look.

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00:36:24,320 --> 00:36:27,280

All I can tell you is he was very dark-complexed,

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00:36:27,280 --> 00:36:28,440

dark hair, dark eyes.

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00:36:28,440 --> 00:36:31,760

I just hope I can find him before he does pass away.

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00:36:31,760 --> 00:36:34,080

It would be terrible to know that he just passed away

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00:36:34,080 --> 00:36:35,440

months ago.

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00:36:35,440 --> 00:36:38,840

And I miss my chance to know him.

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00:36:38,840 --> 00:36:41,360

It may seem that I'm calm about the whole circumstance,

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00:36:41,360 --> 00:36:43,640

but deep down, I'm not.

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00:36:43,640 --> 00:36:46,240

I think about it day and night.

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00:36:46,240 --> 00:36:48,440

I think what it would be like to look in his face

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00:36:48,440 --> 00:36:51,440

and see my face, it would be nice to see, you know,

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00:36:51,440 --> 00:36:54,120

where I got my nose, which doesn't look like anybody's,

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00:36:54,120 --> 00:36:57,080

where I got my ears, you know, just to look at somebody

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00:36:57,080 --> 00:37:01,320

and see familiarity.

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00:37:01,320 --> 00:37:04,120

This is the only known photograph of Chetlee Norris

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00:37:04,120 --> 00:37:06,720

taken when he was about 32 years old.

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00:37:06,720 --> 00:37:09,320

Today, he would be in his mid-70s.

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00:37:09,320 --> 00:37:13,160

Chet said he was a Golden Gloves boxer during the 1940s.

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00:37:13,160 --> 00:37:14,960

He may have had a brother named John.

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00:37:19,040 --> 00:37:21,920

When we return, authorities need your help

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00:37:21,920 --> 00:37:23,600

to track down a serial killer.

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00:37:32,040 --> 00:37:35,080

Tonight, we have a case of the utmost urgency.

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00:37:35,120 --> 00:37:38,360

Someone is murdering young women in the Midwest.

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00:37:38,360 --> 00:37:40,560

The authorities need your help.

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00:37:40,560 --> 00:37:42,000

Please watch closely.

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00:37:44,880 --> 00:37:48,400

26-year-old Robin Fouldauer of Indianapolis, Indiana

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00:37:48,400 --> 00:37:52,720

wanted more than anything to marry and start a family.

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00:37:52,720 --> 00:37:56,480

On April 8, 1992, Robin was found shot to death

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00:37:56,480 --> 00:38:00,360

at the shoe store where she worked.

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00:38:00,360 --> 00:38:04,120

23-year-old Patricia Smith and 32-year-old Patricia Majors

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00:38:04,120 --> 00:38:05,880

were both happily married.

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00:38:05,880 --> 00:38:11,080

They worked side by side at a bridal shop in Wichita, Kansas.

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00:38:11,080 --> 00:38:14,000

Just three days after Robin Fouldauer was murdered,

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00:38:14,000 --> 00:38:16,360

both Patricia Smith and Patricia Majors

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00:38:16,360 --> 00:38:21,320

were shot to death in the back store room of the shop.

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00:38:21,320 --> 00:38:24,600

24-year-old Nancy Kitzmiller of St. Charles, Missouri

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00:38:24,600 --> 00:38:27,760

had just recently qualified to join a government mapmaking

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00:38:27,760 --> 00:38:31,040

team and was awaiting assignment.

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00:38:31,040 --> 00:38:33,280

Three weeks after the Wichita murders,

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00:38:33,280 --> 00:38:36,320

Nancy Kitzmiller was shot to death in the boot store

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00:38:36,320 --> 00:38:39,640

where she worked as a manager.

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00:38:39,640 --> 00:38:42,320

Four murders in three different states, separated

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00:38:42,320 --> 00:38:44,600

by more than 1,200 miles.

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00:38:44,600 --> 00:38:48,240

At first glance, they seemed to be random killings.

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00:38:48,240 --> 00:38:51,360

Yet each took place at a shopping mall just off Interstate

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00:38:51,360 --> 00:38:53,480

70 or a connecting highway.

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00:38:53,480 --> 00:38:55,960

Indeed, there was a pattern after all.

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00:38:59,080 --> 00:39:02,760

Raytown, Missouri, another link in the deadly chain.

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00:39:02,760 --> 00:39:04,480

The Woodson Village shopping center

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00:39:04,480 --> 00:39:08,680

near an access road to Interstate 70.

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00:39:08,680 --> 00:39:12,640

On May 7, 1992, 37-year-old Sarah Blessing

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00:39:12,640 --> 00:39:17,160

was working alone in a gift shop at the mall.

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00:39:17,160 --> 00:39:20,040

At 6.30 PM that day, a local auctioneer

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00:39:20,040 --> 00:39:25,000

noticed a stranger walking into his auction house.

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00:39:25,000 --> 00:39:30,080

The stranger looked around briefly and walked out again.

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00:39:30,080 --> 00:39:33,120

Tim Hickman, who owned a video store next to the gift shop

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00:39:33,120 --> 00:39:35,360

where Sarah Blessing worked, took notice

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00:39:35,360 --> 00:39:38,320

as the man crossed the parking lot and passed by his store.

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00:39:40,920 --> 00:39:44,960

Minutes later, Tim heard a loud pop that sounded like a gunshot.

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00:39:44,960 --> 00:39:47,960

He reached his front door just as a man was disappearing

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00:39:47,960 --> 00:39:50,160

around the corner.

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00:39:50,160 --> 00:39:52,480

Right away, he had registered with Tim Hickman

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00:39:52,480 --> 00:39:55,680

that this was the stranger he had just seen.

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00:39:55,680 --> 00:39:57,800

A grocery clerk collecting shopping carts

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00:39:57,800 --> 00:39:59,840

also noticed a stranger.

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00:39:59,880 --> 00:40:02,960

She watched as he climbed the embankment to an Interstate 70

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00:40:02,960 --> 00:40:05,880

access road and vanished.

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00:40:05,880 --> 00:40:08,400

Meanwhile, Tim Hickman grabbed a portable phone

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00:40:08,400 --> 00:40:10,960

and went next door to the gift shop.

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00:40:10,960 --> 00:40:12,880

I kind of looked in through the door

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00:40:12,880 --> 00:40:15,280

and I didn't see anything.

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00:40:15,280 --> 00:40:19,240

And I was calling ma'am, ma'am.

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00:40:19,240 --> 00:40:21,760

And I stepped forward a couple of more steps

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00:40:21,760 --> 00:40:24,440

and then I sent her legs sticking out of the other room.

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00:40:25,040 --> 00:40:31,840

Sarah Blessing lay lifeless in a pool of blood.

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00:40:31,840 --> 00:40:34,080

Tim Hickman immediately called the police.

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00:40:38,120 --> 00:40:40,280

In no time, the Raytown tragedy was

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00:40:40,280 --> 00:40:43,040

connected to the earlier shopping mall killings.

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00:40:43,040 --> 00:40:46,720

A multi-state task force was formed.

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00:40:46,720 --> 00:40:48,960

Ballistics tests confirmed that all five women

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00:40:48,960 --> 00:40:50,720

had been killed with the same gun,

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00:40:50,720 --> 00:40:55,480

most likely a semi-automatic .22 caliber pistol.

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00:40:55,480 --> 00:40:58,120

That gun was also linked to the murder of another victim,

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00:40:58,120 --> 00:40:59,840

this one a man.

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00:40:59,840 --> 00:41:03,840

On April 27, 1992, 40-year-old Michael McCown

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00:41:03,840 --> 00:41:06,680

of Terre Haute, Indiana had been killed in a shopping mall

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00:41:06,680 --> 00:41:09,360

ceramic store near Interstate 70.

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00:41:09,360 --> 00:41:12,400

There were now six victims.

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00:41:12,400 --> 00:41:14,600

The most promising lead came from Wichita.

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00:41:17,440 --> 00:41:20,160

Police believe the killer had chosen the bridal shop there

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00:41:20,160 --> 00:41:24,120

because he thought only a single female clerk was in the store.

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00:41:24,120 --> 00:41:25,040

Hi.

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00:41:25,040 --> 00:41:27,440

Can I help you?

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00:41:27,440 --> 00:41:28,840

Stay calm.

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00:41:28,840 --> 00:41:29,840

What do you want?

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00:41:29,840 --> 00:41:30,640

Stay calm.

792

00:41:30,640 --> 00:41:32,000

Let's just walk in the back room.

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00:41:32,000 --> 00:41:33,000

I've got money.

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00:41:33,000 --> 00:41:33,900

Do you want money?

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00:41:33,900 --> 00:41:35,040

Anything you want.

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00:41:35,040 --> 00:41:38,200

He was probably surprised to find two women on duty.

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00:41:38,200 --> 00:41:39,200

Are you the only one here?

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00:41:39,200 --> 00:41:40,200

Is everybody else here?

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00:41:40,200 --> 00:41:41,100

No, nobody else here.

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00:41:41,100 --> 00:41:42,000

Where's your cash register?

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00:41:42,000 --> 00:41:42,760

It's over there.

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00:41:42,760 --> 00:41:43,640

You can have whatever you want.

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00:41:43,640 --> 00:41:44,560

We're just going in the back room.

804

00:41:44,560 --> 00:41:45,440

Just going to tie you up.

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00:41:45,440 --> 00:41:46,340

Please don't hurt us.

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00:41:46,340 --> 00:41:47,240

Calm down.

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00:41:47,240 --> 00:41:48,140

You can have the money.

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00:41:48,140 --> 00:41:49,040

Just do what he says.

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00:41:49,040 --> 00:41:49,920

He's going to get you.

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00:41:58,420 --> 00:42:00,560

Moments later, a customer arrived to pick up

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00:42:00,560 --> 00:42:02,000

a cummerbund for his tuxedo.

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00:42:12,000 --> 00:42:14,740

He had no idea that Patricia Smith and Patricia

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00:42:14,740 --> 00:42:16,800

Majors had just been shot.

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00:42:16,800 --> 00:42:17,700

Anybody here?

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00:42:20,000 --> 00:42:20,900

Hey.

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00:42:24,680 --> 00:42:27,320

Hey, man, I don't know what's going on here, but I need to just.

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00:42:27,320 --> 00:42:28,220

Wait a minute.

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00:42:28,220 --> 00:42:30,360

I want you to come in the back room with me.

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00:42:30,360 --> 00:42:31,720

Look, man, I can't go in the back.

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00:42:31,720 --> 00:42:32,620

What are you doing?

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00:42:32,620 --> 00:42:33,520

I just need to get.

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00:42:33,520 --> 00:42:35,560

I told you to come in the back room.

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00:42:35,560 --> 00:42:37,720

Hey, man, I can't come in the back room.

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00:42:37,720 --> 00:42:39,080

I just want to get out of here.

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00:42:39,080 --> 00:42:40,000

I didn't see nothing.

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00:42:40,000 --> 00:42:41,680

I don't know nothing that's going on here.

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00:42:41,680 --> 00:42:44,120

I just want to shut up and get the hell out of here then

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00:42:44,120 --> 00:42:47,280

and don't call the cops.

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00:42:47,320 --> 00:42:50,720

Inexplicit, the killer let the eyewitness go free.

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00:42:50,720 --> 00:42:53,480

A short time later, he called the police.

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00:42:53,480 --> 00:42:55,520

Using his description, as well as those

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00:42:55,520 --> 00:42:57,960

of the Raytown eyewitnesses, the police

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00:42:57,960 --> 00:43:02,920

artist came up with this composite drawing of the I-70 killer.

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00:43:02,920 --> 00:43:06,440

The suspect is between 5 feet, 8 inches, and 6 feet tall,

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00:43:06,440 --> 00:43:11,440

weighs around 170 pounds, and seems to be 35 to 40 years old.

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00:43:11,440 --> 00:43:13,960

He has reddish hair and a high forehead,

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00:43:13,960 --> 00:43:16,320

and what witnesses describe as lazy eyelids.

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00:43:19,200 --> 00:43:20,960

According to each of the eyewitnesses,

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00:43:20,960 --> 00:43:23,720

the suspect was neatly dressed in clean cut.

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00:43:23,720 --> 00:43:25,720

He appeared to be almost in a trance,

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00:43:25,720 --> 00:43:29,520

as if he were thinking of something else.

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00:43:29,520 --> 00:43:32,040

It's important for the audience to know that a serial killer

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00:43:32,040 --> 00:43:33,440

never stops.

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00:43:33,440 --> 00:43:35,080

They may stop for a period of time,

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00:43:35,080 --> 00:43:37,160

but they never stop completely, and they will always

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00:43:37,160 --> 00:43:39,000

start up again.

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00:43:39,000 --> 00:43:42,160

So we're trying to find this person

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00:43:42,160 --> 00:43:44,360

and stop this person before we have six more.

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00:43:48,280 --> 00:43:51,240

Now tragically, there are seven victims.

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00:43:51,240 --> 00:43:53,560

After we filmed this story, the murderer apparently

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00:43:53,560 --> 00:43:57,360

struck again, killing a young woman in Arlington, Texas.

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00:43:57,360 --> 00:43:58,760

Although the bullet this time did not

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00:43:58,760 --> 00:44:01,560

come from the same gun, the MO is so similar

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00:44:01,560 --> 00:44:06,480

that police are virtually sure it's the same man.

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00:44:06,480 --> 00:44:10,160

Once again, the suspect is between 35 and 40 years old,

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00:44:10,200 --> 00:44:14,160

5 feet 8 to 6 feet tall, with reddish or sandy hair

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00:44:14,160 --> 00:44:15,120

and thin lips.

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00:44:26,840 --> 00:44:30,160

On our next Unsolved Mysteries, 30 years ago,

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00:44:30,160 --> 00:44:33,160

he was America's most notorious criminal, Albert

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00:44:33,160 --> 00:44:35,800

DeSalvo, the Boston Strangler.

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00:44:35,800 --> 00:44:38,120

He confessed to killing 13 women in the city

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00:44:38,120 --> 00:44:41,600

between 1962 and 1964.

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00:44:41,600 --> 00:44:43,840

But many doubted DeSalvo's story,

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00:44:43,840 --> 00:44:45,480

and the night before he had promised

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00:44:45,480 --> 00:44:48,520

to tell the whole truth, DeSalvo was stabbed to death

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00:44:48,520 --> 00:44:50,640

in his prison cell.

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00:44:50,640 --> 00:44:52,920

Somebody found out.

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00:44:52,920 --> 00:44:57,000

Somebody didn't want that interview happening.

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00:44:57,000 --> 00:45:03,040

And I think they have said before, dead men tell no tales.

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00:45:03,040 --> 00:45:05,560

Today, some believe DeSalvo was innocent

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00:45:05,560 --> 00:45:08,000

and that the real Boston Strangler got away

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00:45:08,040 --> 00:45:09,680

with murder.

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00:45:09,680 --> 00:45:12,800

Join me next time for this controversial investigation

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00:45:12,800 --> 00:45:15,320

and more on Unsolved Mysteries.