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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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During the late 1960s, thousands of curiosity seekers

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lined up to catch a glimpse of a legendary ice man,

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a mysterious creature reportedly having

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half man and half ape entombed in a block of solid ice.

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But when the police began to investigate just who or what

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was in the frozen tomb, the ice man vanished.

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At the age of 10, Tom Vaughn landed at a children's home,

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the innocent victim of his parents' bitter divorce.

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Tom was absolutely miserable until he met a boy named Brandon,

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whose sense of humor and irrepressible spirit

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helped Tom serve his life.

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Tonight, Tom would like to thank the friend he

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hasn't seen since 1957.

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In 1953, at the height of the Cold War,

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a government scientist named Frank Olson

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plunged to his death from a hotel window and a parrot's

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suicide.

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22 years later, it was revealed that just days before he died,

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Frank Olson had been unwittingly dosed

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with a hallucinogenic drug, LSD.

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As part of a secret CIA experiment.

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Join me as we begin a fascinating new season.

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Perhaps you may be able to help solve a mystery.

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Well, as you can see, gentlemen, these are not ideal circumstances

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in which to view the exhibit.

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On a chilly December evening in 1968,

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a promoter named Frank Hansen led two renowned scientists

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into an isolated barn in southeastern Minnesota.

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Mr. Hansen, is the exhibit ever shown outside the trailer?

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No, it is always shown only in the trailer.

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Ivan Sanderson and Dr. Bernard Hoovermans

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were experts in the esoteric field of cryptozoology,

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the study of hidden species.

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They had come to examine a peculiar artifact that

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had fallen into Hansen's possession.

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Gentlemen, here is the exhibit.

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The two scientists were astonished.

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Intuned in a block of solid ice was a mysterious creature

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that appeared to be half man, half ape.

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These are actual photographs of the iceman.

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Sanderson and Hoovalmans departed,

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convinced that this bizarre sideshow attraction

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had genuine scientific value.

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But within just a few short weeks,

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the enigmatic creature had vanished.

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And with it, any future opportunity for study.

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Who, or rather what, was the iceman?

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Most people assumed it was just what it was purported to be,

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an entertaining illusion created by a master showman.

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Sanderson and Hoovalmans disagreed.

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They theorized that the iceman was in reality

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a prehistoric ancestor of man

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that had somehow survived into the 20th century.

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This machine predates the Model T.

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It is one of the oldest tractors in the world,

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revolutionized farming.

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In 1967, Frank Hansen was traveling the State Fair Circuit,

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exhibiting an antique mechanical contraption

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that he built as a first gas-powered tractor.

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At one stop, Frank was allegedly approached

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by a mysterious soft-spoken stranger.

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The following recreations are based upon published accounts.

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Sir, may I have a word with you, please?

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I certainly.

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I find what you're doing here, sir, is fascinating.

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I have an exhibit that I think would benefit from your expertise.

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Please, give me a call. It might be worth your while.

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Thank you.

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Thank you.

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Hansen later met the stranger

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at a refrigerated warehouse in some unknown location.

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What you are going to see belongs to me.

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How I came by it is, uh, is my business,

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and we need not discuss that at the moment.

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Is there some reason it needs to be kept in such cold?

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I think there will be obvious to you in just a few moments.

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Is it real?

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Where did you get this from?

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Frank Hansen knew a golden opportunity when he saw it.

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He agreed to take the creature on the road

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and build it as an educational exhibit.

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Over the next two years, the Iceman became a star attraction

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at carnivals and state fairs throughout the Midwest.

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Thousands of people were fascinated,

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but no one seemed to know what it was.

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Zookeeper Bob Shepleski

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saw the Iceman when he was 18 years old.

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My opinion, what I was looking at was not made out of latex,

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it was not made out of rubber.

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It did not appear to be a man-made thing.

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It appeared to be something.

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But, you know, as far as my opinion,

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I don't know what I was looking at.

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But I'm sure I was looking at something dead.

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Environmentalist David Rivard

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viewed the exhibit in 1968.

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The first thing that went through the average person's mind

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was that this was not a wax animal that he had there.

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This was not something that was a machine.

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It was some kind of a live, formerly live animal

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that was in the block of ice.

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Dr. Terry Cullen is a zoological and veterinary researcher.

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I had long been aficionado of side shows

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and going to see them for mostly curiosity reasons.

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It was always enjoyable.

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You always had a great time trying to find out

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what they were doing and how they had it,

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what they did to fool the public.

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In the past, Terry Cullen has been reluctant

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to deal with the media.

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He agreed to this interview to try to clear up

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past inaccuracies about the Iceman.

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For various and sundry reasons.

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Music

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Oh, my God.

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Cullen first saw the Iceman when he was 17.

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He says a creature appeared to be a six foot tall

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adolescent male.

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It was covered with medium length hair

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and had highly visible follicles.

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Cullen also noticed a traumatic injury

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to the left side of the Iceman's face.

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There was a noticeable odor coming out of this casket.

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The one thing that there is no doubt in my mind about

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the thing that I observed, the carcass that I observed

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

was in fact made out of some sort of flesh.

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Well, young man, you've been here before, haven't you?

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Yes, I have.

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Terry Cullen was hooked.

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He returned to the exhibit time and time again.

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On one occasion, Cullen snuck in a magnifying glass.

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Frank Hansen has seemed increasingly agitated

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with each visit, so Terry made sure he was discreet.

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There was something of a death grimace on the face.

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The upper lip was pulled back a bit.

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I was able to observe all four incisors,

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which were very large, very squarish,

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very much like an orang's incisors.

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Whatever this was, it was important enough

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to get the necessary scientific personnel in there to view it,

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to establish that either, yes, this is some form of

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unknown creature, or no, this is a fake,

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somehow cleverly constructed from the parts of other animals

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or whatever materials they were using.

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Missing link, huh?

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Yeah, I can't wait for you to see this.

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Can't have been to a lot of side shows.

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These things are always fake.

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No, this one's amazing.

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I think this one's real.

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You don't expect too much.

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Yeah, go on.

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Over the next few weeks, Terry Cullen tried to entice

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several scientific experts to view the creature.

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Eventually, he convinced an anthropologist

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from the University of Minnesota.

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He was in there perhaps 10 to 15 minutes, came back out again,

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and he started walking past where I was standing,

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and he was sort of a dreamy look on his face,

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and I came zipping up to him.

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What'd you think?

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It's amazing.

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Yeah? I mean, well, tell me.

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No, I can't. It's really amazing.

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What'd you see out of it? I mean, what did you...

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Thank you.

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Yeah.

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I remember being practically close to tears from frustration

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that I had finally gotten someone who at least had some credibility

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in the field of anthropology to look at this thing,

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and I couldn't even get six words out of the gentleman.

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Now, the reasons for that I can't even speculate on.

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At that point, I decided I would have to pursue other avenues.

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In the end, it was Terry Cullen

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who convinced Sanderson and Hoovermans to examine the Iceman.

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Sanderson and Hoovermans were both convinced

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that, in fact, this carcass was the genuine carcass

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of some unknown form of animal or hominid.

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In May of 1969, Sanderson and Hoovermans published their findings

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in a tabloid magazine for science buffs.

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National attention quickly descended upon Frank Hansen,

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and before long, the authorities took an interest in Hansen

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and the frozen carcass.

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In the summer of 1969, the local sheriff stopped by Hansen's farmhouse.

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There are some people that think that thing you got you is the real McCoy.

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Of course they're supposed to.

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Look, Frank, if it is, I've got a couple of problems with taking a cadaver

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over state lines as illegal, and if it's the real McCoy, how did it get dead?

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Listen, you can come with me and we'll look at it together.

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No, no, no, no, look, look.

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What's that I bring a pathologist back tomorrow morning?

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Is that okay with you?

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Well, sure, that's okay.

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Ten o'clock okay?

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That's fine.

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Okay.

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See you then.

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Sure.

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Sure.

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That very night, Frank Hansen allegedly beat it out of town,

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taking his controversial exhibit with him.

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A few months later, Hansen was back on the circuit

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with a replica of the mysterious creature.

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The doubts of the real Iceman are still unknown.

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This thing may one day be understood by us as a genuine object,

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as a true representative of something primitive and manlike

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that is still living today.

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If, under other circumstances, this kind of thing is found and described

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and matches those extensive descriptions by Sanderson and Hovelmans,

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then at that point in time, someday in the future,

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we would know that this was the real thing that they saw in 1968.

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What was the Iceman?

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A primitive human-like species that managed to survive until present day?

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An elaborate hoax pulled off by a professional huckster?

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Or perhaps some unfortunate soul who died an untimely death

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and ended up as a sideshow attraction?

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Frank Hansen may be the only person who can answer these questions,

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and he isn't talking.

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Despite repeated attempts to have him share his story,

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Hansen declined to participate in this broadcast.

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For now it seems the legend of the Iceman must remain just that.

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A legend.

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At any moment, any one of us can meet a person who changes our lives forever.

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In 1956, two ten-year-old boys named Tom and Brendan

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met in the Catholic Children's Home in New York City.

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By an odd coincidence, they both had the same last name, Vaughn.

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Not so coincidentally, they both needed a friend.

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I believe that Brendan saved my life,

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because he did have such a unique way of helping me put things into their proper perspective.

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I don't know what would have happened during that first year had Brendan

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not been there to tickle my funny bone.

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I don't know what would have happened during that first year

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to tickle my funny bone.

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How Tom Vaughn came to be in the Children's Home is a story in itself.

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His mother Jean and his father had gone through a bitter divorce.

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By 1954, Jean was hiding Tom and his little brother Dick from their father.

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The boys bounced from rooming houses to foster homes,

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living in nine different places in less than two years' time.

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Finally, they ended up in the Bronx,

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in a basement apartment supervised by kindly landlower Sonny Criscullo.

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I came about the apartment.

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Nevertheless, Jean Vaughn's life grew increasingly chaotic,

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and the boys were usually left to fend for themselves.

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Is it?

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His mother called. She said she's going to be late.

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When's she going to be home?

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A couple of hours. Did you have something to eat yet?

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Oh, we're about to eat.

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Sonny kept an eye on the boys.

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In fact, he and his wife wanted to become their legal guardians,

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but Catholic charities stepped in.

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They were finally convinced that Jean was an unfit mother.

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They pressured her to send the boys to a children's home.

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Tom and Dick were taken to the Lieutenant Joseph P. Kennedy Jr.

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00:16:08,720 --> 00:16:12,720

home for children in the Palem Bay section of the Bronx.

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As we emerged from the car,

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there was an opportunity for me to take flight

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and to run down the street and run away.

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00:16:26,720 --> 00:16:29,720

And yet I knew that there was nothing I could do

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00:16:29,720 --> 00:16:33,720

and that I had to face what was about to transpire.

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00:16:33,720 --> 00:16:36,720

Come along, boys. Come along.

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00:16:36,720 --> 00:16:38,720

You know, I had to be in charge of Dick,

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00:16:38,720 --> 00:16:41,720

and there was no way in front of all of these strangers

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00:16:41,720 --> 00:16:45,720

that I could tell them how I felt or what I was feeling,

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00:16:45,720 --> 00:16:47,720

so it was trapped.

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00:16:49,720 --> 00:16:54,720

And I think maybe it's time now to go and get unpacked and settled.

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00:16:54,720 --> 00:16:57,720

When the moment came for the boys to tell their mother goodbye,

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00:16:57,720 --> 00:16:59,720

Tom was paralyzed with fear,

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00:16:59,720 --> 00:17:03,720

barely able to move and totally unable to speak.

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

I distinctly remember yelling to myself,

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00:17:08,720 --> 00:17:12,720

Mom, don't leave us. Don't allow this to happen.

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00:17:12,720 --> 00:17:15,720

Don't allow them to take us from you.

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00:17:15,720 --> 00:17:17,720

I love you, Dickie.

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00:17:18,720 --> 00:17:21,720

I was so angry and I was feeling so much pain

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00:17:21,720 --> 00:17:23,720

and so much of a sense of loss

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00:17:23,720 --> 00:17:26,720

that I was just happy to turn from that scene

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00:17:26,720 --> 00:17:29,720

and walk out of the room.

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00:17:29,720 --> 00:17:34,720

For so long, Tom and Dick had been one another's primary source of strength.

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Now although they could still see their mother together on weekends,

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00:17:38,720 --> 00:17:41,720

at the home itself, they were forced to live apart.

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00:17:44,720 --> 00:17:47,720

Tom sank deeper and deeper into misery

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00:17:47,720 --> 00:17:50,720

and turned a sullen face to his new peers.

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00:17:50,720 --> 00:17:52,720

Good evening, boys. I'd like you to meet Tommy.

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00:17:52,720 --> 00:17:55,720

Tommy, these are going to be your new dorm mates.

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00:17:55,720 --> 00:17:58,720

This is Brendan, Jerry and Michael.

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00:17:59,720 --> 00:18:04,720

Tom could never have guessed that this boy, Brendan Vaughn, would be his salvation.

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00:18:04,720 --> 00:18:08,720

Brendan simply refused to let Tom retreat into his shell.

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00:18:08,720 --> 00:18:10,720

What's your name again, Tommy?

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00:18:12,720 --> 00:18:15,720

Where are you from? How long have you been here?

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00:18:15,720 --> 00:18:17,720

He started talking to me,

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00:18:17,720 --> 00:18:21,720

and I really wasn't in the mood for any conversation whatsoever

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00:18:21,720 --> 00:18:24,720

and sat there kind of picking at my food.

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00:18:25,720 --> 00:18:27,720

What happened? Cat got so tired?

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00:18:29,720 --> 00:18:33,720

Well, after we left the dinner table,

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00:18:33,720 --> 00:18:36,720

I went back up to my room

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00:18:36,720 --> 00:18:40,720

and this Brendan character had the bunk next to mine.

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00:18:40,720 --> 00:18:42,720

What's your last name?

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00:18:43,720 --> 00:18:44,720

Vaughn.

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00:18:45,720 --> 00:18:48,720

Mr. Quincy, that's my last name.

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00:18:48,720 --> 00:18:50,720

What do you spell it?

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00:18:50,720 --> 00:18:52,720

V-A-U-G-A John.

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00:18:52,720 --> 00:18:54,720

I smell mine a little differently.

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00:18:54,720 --> 00:18:58,720

He had big freckles and curly brown hair and had the Irish accent.

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00:18:58,720 --> 00:19:00,720

Okay, boys. Lights out. Tuck in.

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00:19:02,720 --> 00:19:06,720

It wasn't too long before he had me opening up

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00:19:06,720 --> 00:19:11,720

and he had a mischievous manner about him

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00:19:11,720 --> 00:19:14,720

that... and devilish, to say the least.

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00:19:14,720 --> 00:19:17,720

Tommy, tell me when you fall asleep, okay?

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00:19:19,720 --> 00:19:20,720

What?

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00:19:20,720 --> 00:19:23,720

Tell me when you fall asleep.

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00:19:25,720 --> 00:19:28,720

How can I tell you when I'm asleep?

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00:19:28,720 --> 00:19:30,720

When I'm already asleep.

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00:19:30,720 --> 00:19:34,720

He would do silly little things to try and make me

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00:19:34,720 --> 00:19:37,720

feel not so sad or depressed.

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00:19:37,720 --> 00:19:39,720

Good night, Brendan.

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00:19:42,720 --> 00:19:43,720

Tommy.

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00:19:44,720 --> 00:19:46,720

Why did God make you?

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00:19:46,720 --> 00:19:48,720

Brendan helped Tom in other ways as well.

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00:19:48,720 --> 00:19:50,720

Why did God make you?

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00:19:50,720 --> 00:19:52,720

Especially in catechism class,

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00:19:52,720 --> 00:19:55,720

where the children were required to deliver their answers by rote.

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00:19:57,720 --> 00:20:00,720

Brendan whispered the answer to me

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00:20:00,720 --> 00:20:02,720

and once again he saved my life there

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00:20:02,720 --> 00:20:05,720

because I'm certain that I would have been in serious trouble

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00:20:05,720 --> 00:20:07,720

and I had not had that simple answer.

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00:20:07,720 --> 00:20:09,720

So we could love and serve him.

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00:20:10,720 --> 00:20:11,720

Perfect!

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00:20:12,720 --> 00:20:14,720

You know what this is?

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00:20:14,720 --> 00:20:16,720

A rock, no?

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00:20:16,720 --> 00:20:18,720

A piece of the barney stone.

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00:20:18,720 --> 00:20:20,720

What's a barney stone?

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00:20:20,720 --> 00:20:21,720

It's a magic rock.

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00:20:21,720 --> 00:20:24,720

High up on the castle wall in I.

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00:20:24,720 --> 00:20:27,720

And if you kiss it, you'd have good luck.

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00:20:27,720 --> 00:20:31,720

This constant conjoaling by Brendan

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00:20:31,720 --> 00:20:35,720

put a perspective on where we were

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

and the fact that it wasn't so bad.

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00:20:37,720 --> 00:20:39,720

The treatment there was wonderful.

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00:20:39,720 --> 00:20:43,720

He began to draw me towards that perspective

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00:20:43,720 --> 00:20:45,720

of what was actually going on there

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00:20:45,720 --> 00:20:47,720

and that it was kind of a fun place.

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00:20:47,720 --> 00:20:51,720

So he really, from a therapeutic standpoint,

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00:20:51,720 --> 00:20:56,720

showed me the way to overcome my depression.

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00:20:59,720 --> 00:21:02,720

A year and a half after Tom and Brendan met,

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00:21:02,720 --> 00:21:04,720

the inevitable happened.

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00:21:04,720 --> 00:21:05,720

What are you doing?

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00:21:05,720 --> 00:21:07,720

I'm packing my suitcase.

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00:21:07,720 --> 00:21:09,720

Why?

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00:21:09,720 --> 00:21:12,720

Sister said to get ready to leave.

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00:21:12,720 --> 00:21:15,720

To pack my suitcase and get ready to leave.

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00:21:15,720 --> 00:21:17,720

Brendan was very quiet

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00:21:17,720 --> 00:21:20,720

because I think he was scared and afraid

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00:21:20,720 --> 00:21:23,720

and didn't know where he was going or what was happening.

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00:21:29,720 --> 00:21:32,720

I do remember Brendan walking down that long hall

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00:21:32,720 --> 00:21:34,720

and wanting to run after him

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00:21:34,720 --> 00:21:37,720

but once again being paralyzed

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00:21:37,720 --> 00:21:39,720

by my inability to do that.

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00:21:39,720 --> 00:21:42,720

I mean, I just couldn't show that kind of emotion.

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Eventually, Tom and his brother Dick

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00:21:49,720 --> 00:21:52,720

were sent to live with their father in Montana.

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00:21:52,720 --> 00:21:55,720

Their mother Jean, whose problems had finally overwhelmed her,

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00:21:55,720 --> 00:21:57,720

died in 1985.

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Tom Vaughn is now a successful investment banker in Colorado.

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00:22:03,720 --> 00:22:07,720

Happily married and the father of an 11-year-old daughter.

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00:22:07,720 --> 00:22:09,720

Tom credits his young friend Brendan

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00:22:09,720 --> 00:22:13,720

with changing his outlook and his life.

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00:22:13,720 --> 00:22:18,720

There hasn't been a week go by

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00:22:18,720 --> 00:22:22,720

in the last 36 years

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00:22:22,720 --> 00:22:26,720

that I haven't thought of him.

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00:22:29,720 --> 00:22:32,720

I didn't have an opportunity

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00:22:32,720 --> 00:22:36,720

to tell him how much I appreciated what he did for me.

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00:22:36,720 --> 00:22:41,720

And I think it's my turn to make him smile.

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00:22:41,720 --> 00:22:43,720

Pack my suitcase.

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00:22:43,720 --> 00:22:48,720

Perhaps to kiss that Blarney stone just one more time.

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00:22:54,720 --> 00:22:56,720

Within minutes of our broadcast,

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00:22:56,720 --> 00:22:59,720

Brendan Vaughn called our phone center from his home in New York.

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00:22:59,720 --> 00:23:02,720

We connected him with Tom Vaughn in Denver

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00:23:02,720 --> 00:23:05,720

and finally Tom had his chance to say thank you.

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00:23:05,720 --> 00:23:09,720

The two men agreed to meet in Manhattan on March 6, 1994

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00:23:09,720 --> 00:23:12,720

at 8.30 a.m. sharp.

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00:23:14,720 --> 00:23:17,720

Tom came outside early, so he'd be there to greet Brendan.

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00:23:17,720 --> 00:23:21,720

But Brendan, same old Brendan, surprised him.

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00:23:30,720 --> 00:23:33,720

Well, relatively, we're in the same height.

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00:23:35,720 --> 00:23:39,720

It seems like we haven't been apart.

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00:23:39,720 --> 00:23:44,720

He still has the gregariousness and the power in his voice

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00:23:44,720 --> 00:23:48,720

and still seems to have the same approach to things.

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00:23:48,720 --> 00:23:51,720

So I don't think he's changed all that much.

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00:23:51,720 --> 00:23:54,720

Brendan had brought along his sister, Noreen.

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00:23:54,720 --> 00:23:57,720

In the hotel lobby, they met Tom's wife and daughter.

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00:23:57,720 --> 00:24:00,720

For Brendan, who is divorced and has no children,

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00:24:00,720 --> 00:24:03,720

it was like finding a long lost family.

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00:24:03,720 --> 00:24:04,720

Hello.

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00:24:04,720 --> 00:24:05,720

It looks like you and I...

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00:24:05,720 --> 00:24:06,720

It's really a nice feeling.

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00:24:06,720 --> 00:24:08,720

I mean, I was really shocked.

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00:24:08,720 --> 00:24:10,720

You know, when you sit down and say,

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00:24:10,720 --> 00:24:12,720

well, you know, what have I done in my life

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00:24:12,720 --> 00:24:14,720

and what have you accomplished?

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00:24:14,720 --> 00:24:17,720

And you can't say, well, I touched anybody's life.

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00:24:17,720 --> 00:24:19,720

I haven't done anything.

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00:24:19,720 --> 00:24:21,720

And then all of a sudden this pops up.

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00:24:21,720 --> 00:24:23,720

It's really flattering. It's really amazing.

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00:24:24,720 --> 00:24:26,720

You remember those?

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00:24:26,720 --> 00:24:29,720

Brendan and Noreen, who was also at the children's home,

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00:24:29,720 --> 00:24:31,720

spent the morning reminiscing with Tom.

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00:24:31,720 --> 00:24:34,720

It was hard to tell the nuns apart.

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00:24:34,720 --> 00:24:36,720

Well, they didn't care as long as you went in the water.

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00:24:36,720 --> 00:24:39,720

I was so bad that they were trying everything

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00:24:39,720 --> 00:24:41,720

to try to get me to be good.

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00:24:41,720 --> 00:24:44,720

As soon as we got into that conversation,

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00:24:44,720 --> 00:24:46,720

it was like it had only taken place...

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00:24:46,720 --> 00:24:48,720

our last conversation had taken place the day before,

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00:24:48,720 --> 00:24:50,720

so it was very nice.

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00:24:50,720 --> 00:24:52,720

Out there, out there, out there, captain.

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00:24:52,720 --> 00:24:54,720

I got to go see, you know, the honor guard.

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00:24:54,720 --> 00:24:58,720

Finally, Tom's childhood wounds are beginning to heal.

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00:24:58,720 --> 00:25:01,720

The two boys, best friends before they were separated

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00:25:01,720 --> 00:25:04,720

more than 35 years ago, made an instant connection

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00:25:04,720 --> 00:25:07,720

to their past and to one another.

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00:25:07,720 --> 00:25:12,720

It's represented closure for a chapter in my life

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00:25:12,720 --> 00:25:15,720

that had been very, very difficult.

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00:25:15,720 --> 00:25:18,720

And so coming here, facing him, finding him,

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00:25:18,720 --> 00:25:21,720

being here today is a way to let go of that,

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00:25:21,720 --> 00:25:24,720

and so I'm very pleased about that.

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00:25:24,720 --> 00:25:28,720

Tom Vaughn and Brendan Vaughn now hope they will hear

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00:25:28,720 --> 00:25:31,720

from other alumni of the Lieutenant Joseph P. Kennedy,

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Jr. Home for Children.

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00:25:33,720 --> 00:25:36,720

The very children, all now in their 40s and 50s,

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00:25:36,720 --> 00:25:38,720

with whom they once shared so much.

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Next, a government scientist falls to his death

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from a hotel window.

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Was it suicide or murder?

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In the early morning hours of November 28, 1953,

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a crowd gathered outside of New York's hotel statler.

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A man had apparently jumped to his death

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from a 13-story window.

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The victim was later identified as a government scientist

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00:26:16,720 --> 00:26:17,720

named Frank Olson.

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Frank Olson left behind a wife and three small children.

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His sons are now grown men and are still trying

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00:26:28,720 --> 00:26:31,720

to find out what really happened to their father.

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Now, in a final desperate appeal,

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they hope someone in our audience

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00:26:35,720 --> 00:26:38,720

can help solve this baffling mystery.

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Frank Olson died at the height of the Cold War tensions.

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At the time, our leaders here in Washington, D.C.,

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faced the very real possibility

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that we might be attacked by the Soviet Union.

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Just an hour's drive from where I'm standing,

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the country's technological brain trust

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was working at a feverish pace

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to develop a new generation of weapons.

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Frank Olson was heading one of these projects when he died.

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40 years later, the questions surrounding his death

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demand answers.

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Frank Olson worked at Fort Detrick, Maryland,

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headquarters for the military's biological warfare research

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and development program.

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Frank was an expert in aerobiology,

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the delivery of deadly viruses

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00:27:24,720 --> 00:27:26,720

and infectious microorganisms

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via sprays and aerosol cans.

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My father was a research scientist

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who was involved with germ warfare,

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associated with the SO division,

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which stood for Special Operations.

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That was the most top-secret kind of research

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that was done out at Fort Dietrich.

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And some of that research was being done

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in coordination with the CIA.

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At Fort Dietrich, Frank Olson earned the respect

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00:27:54,720 --> 00:27:56,720

and admiration of his coworkers.

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00:27:56,720 --> 00:27:59,720

Then in November of 1953,

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Frank went to a three-day conference

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00:28:01,720 --> 00:28:03,720

with some of his colleagues

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00:28:03,720 --> 00:28:06,720

and came home and changed man.

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The weekend after that meeting,

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00:28:08,720 --> 00:28:10,720

my father was severely depressed.

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00:28:10,720 --> 00:28:12,720

He felt that he had done something terribly wrong

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00:28:12,720 --> 00:28:16,720

and he told my mother that he had done something wrong,

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00:28:16,720 --> 00:28:18,720

but he couldn't tell her what.

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00:28:18,720 --> 00:28:22,720

And she asked him whether or not he had broken security

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00:28:22,720 --> 00:28:24,720

and he indicated that he would never do such a thing.

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00:28:24,720 --> 00:28:27,720

But he felt that he had done something terribly wrong.

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Frank's boss, Vincent Rouet,

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00:28:30,720 --> 00:28:32,720

told the Olsons he believed Frank

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00:28:32,720 --> 00:28:34,720

was on the verge of a nervous breakdown.

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00:28:34,720 --> 00:28:36,720

Just before Thanksgiving,

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Rouet took Frank to New York for treatment.

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00:28:42,720 --> 00:28:44,720

In New York, Frank shared a hotel room

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00:28:44,720 --> 00:28:47,720

with Dr. Robert Lashbrook, a CIA scientist,

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00:28:47,720 --> 00:28:51,720

nearly a week passed before Frank's family heard from him.

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00:28:51,720 --> 00:28:53,720

Do me a favor.

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00:28:53,720 --> 00:28:55,720

Would you kiss the kids for me?

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00:28:55,720 --> 00:28:58,720

My father seemed a little more peaceful than he had.

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00:28:58,720 --> 00:29:01,720

He made a call to my mother to say he was all right.

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00:29:01,720 --> 00:29:04,720

Bob, it's getting late. I'm gonna turn the TV off.

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00:29:04,720 --> 00:29:06,720

They went to sleep fairly early, about 11.

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00:29:06,720 --> 00:29:09,720

And the next thing we know from Lashbrook

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00:29:09,720 --> 00:29:12,720

is that he was awakened by the sound of crashing glass.

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Frank?

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00:29:28,720 --> 00:29:30,720

Oh, my God.

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Frank Olson was dead at the age of 43.

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Investigators later determined

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00:29:38,720 --> 00:29:41,720

that he had either jumped or fallen to his death.

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I remember as a nine-year-old,

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00:29:45,720 --> 00:29:47,720

and actually for years after that,

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00:29:47,720 --> 00:29:49,720

I was completely stumped and dumbfounded

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00:29:49,720 --> 00:29:51,720

by trying to resolve that alternative.

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00:29:51,720 --> 00:29:54,720

I mean, there's a big difference between fall or jump,

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00:29:54,720 --> 00:29:57,720

and I couldn't understand how either of them could have occurred.

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The Osos weren't alone.

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00:30:01,720 --> 00:30:03,720

The night manager of the hotel

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00:30:03,720 --> 00:30:06,720

found Frank's death suspicious as well.

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00:30:06,720 --> 00:30:10,720

I rushed outside to find Frank Olson.

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Eyes wide open, looking straight at me,

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trying to tell me something.

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Okay. Okay, buddy.

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He was definitely trying to speak,

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but there was nothing coming out but grumbles.

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He was in terrible condition.

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And by this time, then, the ambulance came,

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and I stepped back because now I had to find out

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where he came from.

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So I looked up the building,

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and finally I saw a little movement of a window shade.

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And when I concentrated on that,

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then I see that the window shade was stuck

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through a broken window.

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Arman Pastor immediately took the police

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to room 1018A.

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And here is Lashbrook sitting on a john in his skivvies,

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and the police thought to question him.

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And I heard him say,

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well, I heard there's a crash.

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I woke up.

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I walked around the room to look around.

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Look at this in here.

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Nobody ever jumps through a window.

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They open the window and they go out.

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Not a dash of shade and a sheer drape.

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You know, there's no sense to that.

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22 years would pass before Frank Olson's family

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heard Arman Pastor's account.

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All they were told in 1953 was that Frank had suffered

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a nervous breakdown and committed suicide.

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Then in 1975, a government commission was formed

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to investigate past abuses committed by the CIA.

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Among other incidents, the official report

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made mention of a scientist who had plunged

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to his death from a hotel room 10 days

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after being dosed with LSD.

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That scientist turned out to be Frank Olson.

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Over the next year and a half,

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the Olson family received a formal apology

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from President Gerald Ford,

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and a check from the government for \$750,000.

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The Olsons also met with then CIA chief, William Colby.

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As a result of meeting with William Colby at the CIA,

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we were given what was supposedly a complete set of documents

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relating to the events of the last nine days

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of my father's life.

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I should have the results back on the toxicology tests.

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We learned that he had gone to a retreat in Deep Creek Lake.

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We met with a group in Western Maryland

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with a group of other scientists.

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The principle of the meeting was that they were going

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to be discussing ongoing research.

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But in fact, there were agents in the CIA

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who were meeting with them who decided that

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they were going to give them each a dose of LSD

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without their knowledge or consent

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and then see what their reaction was.

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Anyone for a drink?

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The Olsons learned that the LSD was slipped into

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an after-dinnerly curve by either Sidney Gottlieb,

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head of the CIA's technical services staff,

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or his deputy, Dr. Robert Blashbrook.

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The CIA reportedly feared that the Soviet Union

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might employ LSD to produce anxiety or terror

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in captured CIA agents.

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Gottlieb believed that his test would help

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prepare American operatives for that eventuality.

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The least drinks were served to eight of the 10 scientists present.

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Some of them, including Frank Olson,

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were not told about the test.

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Within an hour, the LSD began to take effect.

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The men of the world can do the most wonderful thing.

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Gentlemen, gentlemen, are we all feeling a bit strange?

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One Gottlieb informed the drug-induced gallery

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that their drinks had been spiked with LSD.

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Frank Olson became incensed.

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What?

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Wait a minute.

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We're having an experiment here.

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You put a drug in our drinks?

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Yes, yes, we're in the middle of an experiment.

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We understood that my father was quite agitated

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and was having serious confusion

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with separating reality from fantasy.

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Less than a week later, Frank made his ill-fated trip

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to New York, supposedly suffering from a nervous breakdown.

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Well, Frank, how are we feeling today?

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I feel lousy, doctor.

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Frank was taken to see Dr. Harold Abramson,

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an LSD expert who worked extensively with the CIA.

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It's been continuing for about a week now.

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Look at me, please.

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You were saying that you weren't resting very well.

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Is that improving?

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No, I'm not resting.

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I haven't been able to sleep for over a week.

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Accompanying Frank with Robert Lashbrook

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and Frank's boss, Vincent Rouet.

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Frank, sit down.

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I don't want to sit down.

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I can't sit down.

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Frank remained in New York,

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and over the next several days,

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made repeated visits to the doctor's office.

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Someone has been following me.

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From the documents we have, it's impossible

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to deduce what was accomplished in those meetings,

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and you certainly don't see any indication

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that a treatment process was occurring.

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You can suspect that some kind of assessment process

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was going on, the purpose of which was more to

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protect the CIA's interest than it was to help my father.

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Apparently, the pattern continued

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in the immediate aftermath of Frank's death.

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For some unexplained reason,

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Robert Lashbrook never phoned for help.

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However, he allegedly did make a disturbing call,

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which was overheard by the hotel operator.

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In those days, you know, all the calls were manual.

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You call the operator, and you tell her what number you want,

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and she would dial it for you,

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and then she'd listen to see that you got connected.

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When the man in the room called this number,

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he said, well, he's gone.

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And the man on the other end said, well, that's too bad.

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And they both hung up.

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I mean, what's more suspicious than that?

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You don't have to be a genius to figure out

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that there's something amiss.

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Or who said Hamlet said there's something rotten in Denmark?

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I mean, I knew there was something rotten

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at the Pennsylvania Hotel that night.

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I'd like to emphasize at the beginning

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that there are many things that we still don't know

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about the events surrounding my father's death.

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When the news first broke about Frank's suicide,

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Armand Pastor contacted the Olsen family

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and told them about the mysterious phone call.

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The Olsen's immediately began to suspect

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that Frank had not taken his own life.

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I believe that what happened was that my father

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was considered a security risk.

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The CIA either formally or informally

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decided that it was in the countries

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or in the agency's best interest to have my father

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either take his own life or that he needed to be eliminated.

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One of the nights that my father was up in New York,

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he was having delusions that he was hearing voices

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and in the middle of the night he woke up and went

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and threw all of his identification out and his money.

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All right, get ready to follow my money, my identification.

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You have to see that as an obvious sign of a suicidal tendency.

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Well, to keep my father in a 10th floor window,

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which in a 10th floor room,

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which actually was 13 stories off the ground,

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to me is the epitome of irresponsibility.

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In 1993, Frank's widow Alice passed away.

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Eric and Nils had their father's body moved to rest beside her.

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But before Frank was reinterred,

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they asked forensic scientist professor James Starrs

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to perform an autopsy.

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Quite frankly, we had no idea what the condition

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of the remains would be after 41 years.

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We were delighted that the remains were in perfect condition

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for our analysis.

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As part of his overall investigation,

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Professor Starrs and his colleagues went to the old hotel statler,

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which is now known as the Hotel Pennsylvania.

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The first thing that Professor Starrs looked for

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was evidence that Frank had indeed smashed through a window.

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The medical examiner in New York who did an external examination

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back in 1953 said there were multiple lacerations on the face and neck.

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There were none.

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I mean, I mean, zero.

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Soon after that finding was made public,

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Lashbrook changes his story,

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which he's held to for 40 years,

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and suddenly now starts saying that he can't remember

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whether the window, in fact, was open or closed.

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The window was completely gone.

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There was a little glass around on the fringes,

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and the shave was stuck out through the glass.

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At some point, he had to hit some glass.

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I cannot believe that he wouldn't have gotten cuts

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in the lower extremities of his body on the front of the legs.

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We don't find any cuts.

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Professor Starrs did find that Frank had sustained

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extensive injuries to his head, chest, and right leg.

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When you have fractures as massive

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and in different locations, as these fractures clearly are,

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they indicate a tremendous amount of force that caused those.

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Well, clearly he was falling from the building.

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If he struck his foot and that caused the massive injuries,

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the question for us is,

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well, how did he get the massive injuries on his chest?

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If he hit his chest,

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well, how did he get the massive injuries on his foot?

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If it was a glancing blow against an abutment on the way down,

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the likelihood of his having the massive injuries

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from a glassing blow is very remote.

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What happened to Frank Olsen?

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Professor Starrs' analysis is not yet complete,

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but his preliminary findings painted a disturbing scenario.

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Clearly, in this case, there is foul play

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on the part of the CIA in giving them LSD in the first place

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and making a guinea pig out of them the way they did.

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But foul play of the homicide type,

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that's what we're in this business to try to find out.

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As I say, the evidence is beginning to mount.

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I looked at this case for 14 months,

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and I found no evidence that points directly to murder.

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I don't rule it out,

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but I found no evidence that indicated me that that would happen.

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And I have to tell you, it seems unlikely to me

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that the CIA people in the context of the 1950s would have killed a colleague.

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I can see them doing something like this against a Soviet or an enemy,

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but not a colleague.

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I think the Olsen case must be resolved.

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That family deserves to know.

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I think the American people now deserve to know the truth

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that what happened has been a long time ago.

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They don't have to hide behind their classified documents,

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behind all of their stealth information

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and their sleazy little James Bond stories,

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tell us what happened to Frank Olsen.

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Congressman Traficant is now calling for an official investigation

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into the death of Frank Olsen.

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Perhaps after more than 40 years of secrecy,

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the true story behind this Cold War mystery will finally be told.

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When we return, the dramatic capture of a man suspected of murder.

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April 24, 1994.

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Along the Cristina River in Delaware,

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authorities close in on a dangerous fugitive

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who has been wanted on murder charges for more than six years.

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The suspect is 38-year-old Larry Donald George,

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a former army enlisted man and self-styled survivalist.

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You know you're not supposed to be here.

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Where you been?

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It's none of your business.

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On February 12, 1988, George confronted his estranged wife, Geraldine,

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at her home in Talladega, Alabama.

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Look, you're going to listen to me.

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You're going to listen to me.

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Geraldine ran next door for help.

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Larry George followed.

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Geraldine's neighbor, Janice Morris,

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was shot once in the chest.

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Larry, please stop.

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Next, Larry allegedly took aim at Geraldine.

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Janice!

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Janice's boyfriend, Ralph Swain,

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heard the commotion and ran downstairs.

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Ralph Swain was shot in the back of the head.

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Janice Morris was pronounced dead at the scene.

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Ralph Swain was rushed to a local hospital

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where he died a short time later.

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Geraldine George survived the shooting

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but was left paralyzed from the waist down.

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For more than six years,

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she lived with a bitter knowledge

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that her husband was still at large.

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After the most recent broadcast of this story,

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the authorities were contacted by an unsolved mystery's viewer.

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The viewer claimed to have seen Larry George

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fishing on the banks of the Christina River

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in Wilmington, Delaware.

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Three days later, two police detectives

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were dispatched to the area.

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For our cameras, the officers were countered

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at their dramatic meeting with Larry George.

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This is where we first encountered

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Larry George at right here.

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We began a conversation with him about fishing.

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At this time, he wanted to take us over here

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to where his pole was in the water

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and show us exactly where he was fishing at.

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We got about here and we started talking again about fishing.

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And it was at this time where myself and Detective Pinkett

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made eye contact and identified myself

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as a police officer to Larry.

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At this time, a brief struggle ensued right about here.

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We all three felt to the ground here.

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We got back to our feet, still struggling,

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and at that point we just turned and threw Larry into the water.

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While the officers regrouped,

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George attempted to flee downriver,

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but backup units quickly cornered him

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and he surrendered without further struggle.

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At George's campsite,

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police found a makeshift bunker

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complete with generator, heater, television, and stove.

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The subsequent discovery of several weapons,

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including a spear gun and a sawed-off shotgun,

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led investigators to believe that George had been prepared

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to resist arrest by whatever means necessary.

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He knew he was wanted from her.

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He wasn't going to be taken alive

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if he would have put himself in his hideout

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and if we'd have discovered it,

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he probably would have had gunfire

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and officers would have been hurt.

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On April 27, 1994, Larry Donald George

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was extradited to Alabama to face charges of murder

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and attempted murder.

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It was a long-awaited moment for Geraldine George

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and the families of Ralph Swain and Janice Morris.

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They're delighted that this was kind of bringing this to an end

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and I can understand their feelings about the situation

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simply because it's been a long six years

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and really not knowing where he is

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and if he would show back up.

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I'm sure that it has brought a lot of discomfort

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and a lot of sleepless nights to them,

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so I know that they're very happy that this is

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short of being drawn to a close.

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The End

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