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

This program is about unsolved mysteries.

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Whenever possible, the actual family members and police

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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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00:00:16,880 --> 00:00:20,120

In 1884, one of the wealthiest men in New Mexico

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built his wife the finest house money could buy,

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00:00:23,160 --> 00:00:25,560

a glorious Victorian mansion.

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But after the war, the family members

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built the Victorian mansion.

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But after the couple's youngest daughter died,

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the lady of the house turned into a virtual recluse.

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And a lot of folks say that her spirit

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00:00:37,600 --> 00:00:40,840

has haunted the mansion for nearly a century.

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Tonight will take you along as a team of real life ghostbusters

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prized to flush the elusive ghost out of hiding.

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In March of 1988, the head of a multimillion dollar drug ring

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named John Rubis was assassinated just outside San Juan

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Puerto Rico.

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Or was he?

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Authorities now suspect someone else

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was murdered in his place, and that Rubis is very much alive.

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Legend has it that nearly 150 years ago,

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wealthy citizens in old Los Angeles

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buried their riches for safekeeping

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during the Mexican-American War.

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Is there still a fortune in golden jewels hidden

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00:01:19,400 --> 00:01:24,560

in the shadows of LA's downtown skyline?

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00:01:24,600 --> 00:01:27,080

Also a heartwarming update.

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00:01:27,080 --> 00:01:29,800

Thanks to your calls, the family has been reunited

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00:01:29,800 --> 00:01:32,360

after 45 years apart.

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00:01:32,360 --> 00:01:33,280

Join me.

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00:01:33,280 --> 00:01:35,840

Perhaps you may be able to solve a mystery.

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00:02:24,560 --> 00:02:36,920

This is the La Posada Hotel in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

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00:02:36,920 --> 00:02:42,280

Nestled within its adobe walls is a 100-year-old Victorian

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00:02:42,280 --> 00:02:43,520

mansion.

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00:02:43,520 --> 00:02:45,960

Recently, that mansion has become the focus

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00:02:45,960 --> 00:02:48,600

of an unusual high-tech investigation.

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00:02:49,600 --> 00:02:54,840

No crime has been committed.

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00:02:54,840 --> 00:02:56,960

No one has been hurt.

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00:02:56,960 --> 00:02:59,440

No one has disappeared.

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00:02:59,440 --> 00:03:02,320

It's important to look at thresholds

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00:03:02,320 --> 00:03:03,520

as soon as we walk in as well.

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00:03:03,520 --> 00:03:06,320

Believe it or not, this team of investigators

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00:03:06,320 --> 00:03:08,680

is looking for a ghost.

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00:03:11,680 --> 00:03:15,320

So far, the information we have regarding the La Posada Hotel,

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00:03:15,320 --> 00:03:17,640

it appears to have all the characteristics of what

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00:03:17,800 --> 00:03:21,240

is referred to as a classic haunt.

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00:03:21,240 --> 00:03:24,280

Because of the history, because of the variety

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00:03:24,280 --> 00:03:27,480

of different types of witnesses who have these experience,

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00:03:27,480 --> 00:03:29,720

it certainly appears to be to look that way,

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00:03:29,720 --> 00:03:31,960

that it is a classic haunt.

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00:03:31,960 --> 00:03:33,640

We're trying to approach it very unbiasedly

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00:03:33,640 --> 00:03:34,720

without any expectations.

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00:03:34,720 --> 00:03:39,160

So at this point, we're not sure exactly what we're going

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00:03:39,160 --> 00:03:41,240

to find or what we're going to encounter.

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00:03:44,320 --> 00:03:46,960

If Christopher Chacon and his team of real life

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00:03:47,560 --> 00:03:51,560

ghostbusters do encounter a spirit at the La Posada Hotel,

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00:03:51,560 --> 00:03:55,560

she probably answers to the name Julia Stab.

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00:03:55,560 --> 00:03:58,400

Folks around here say Julia's been haunting the place

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00:03:58,400 --> 00:03:59,360

for nearly a century.

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00:04:03,080 --> 00:04:06,400

Julia came to Santa Fe from Germany around 1870

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00:04:06,400 --> 00:04:11,600

to marry Abraham Stab, one of the wealthiest men in New Mexico.

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Abraham promised Julia he would someday

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00:04:13,680 --> 00:04:15,920

build her the finest house money could buy.

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00:04:21,200 --> 00:04:23,760

Seven children, and 14 years later,

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00:04:23,760 --> 00:04:27,400

the Stabs moved into Santa Fe's first Victorian mansion.

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00:04:27,400 --> 00:04:29,720

Look at the beautiful parlour that Papa has made,

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00:04:29,720 --> 00:04:32,200

Mama, with her favorite flower in mind.

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00:04:32,200 --> 00:04:34,920

See the rose stained glass?

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00:04:34,920 --> 00:04:38,880

When Julia moved into this house,

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00:04:38,880 --> 00:04:42,840

she became the queen of Santa Fe society,

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00:04:42,880 --> 00:04:47,000

all major affairs were held here.

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00:04:47,000 --> 00:04:49,760

Come, let me show you the rest.

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00:04:49,760 --> 00:04:54,360

They entertained dignitaries from the government,

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00:04:54,360 --> 00:04:59,560

President Rutherford Hayes of General Sherman,

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00:04:59,560 --> 00:05:01,640

Governor Wallace.

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00:05:01,640 --> 00:05:05,280

Big parties were held here, and one would think

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00:05:05,280 --> 00:05:06,880

she was a very happy woman.

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In the new house, Julia and Abraham

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00:05:11,760 --> 00:05:14,040

were blessed with an eighth child, a girl.

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00:05:21,160 --> 00:05:23,840

But tragically, the baby would live only a short time.

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00:05:23,840 --> 00:05:24,740

Hi, baby.

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00:05:27,740 --> 00:05:29,200

I'm waiting for the hand.

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00:05:29,200 --> 00:05:30,800

You're so sorry.

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00:05:30,800 --> 00:05:33,520

According to Betsy Solet, Julia's joy

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00:05:33,520 --> 00:05:35,040

turned to sorrow overnight.

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00:05:35,040 --> 00:05:37,840

I'm too careful.

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00:05:37,840 --> 00:05:40,840

She was so disabroad over the child's death,

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00:05:40,840 --> 00:05:46,000

and it said that she didn't eat or sleep for two weeks.

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00:05:46,000 --> 00:05:50,960

And when she finally slept and she awoke and looked

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00:05:50,960 --> 00:05:54,040

in the mirror, all of the beautiful black hair

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00:05:54,040 --> 00:05:57,520

on her head had turned completely white.

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00:05:57,520 --> 00:05:59,320

All of the grief went into her hair.

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00:06:04,600 --> 00:06:07,880

Recoding the legend, Julia's stop withdrew from society

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00:06:07,880 --> 00:06:11,640

and was rarely seen outside her mansion.

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00:06:11,640 --> 00:06:14,000

When Julia died at the age of 52,

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00:06:14,000 --> 00:06:16,160

she seemed far older than her years.

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00:06:22,720 --> 00:06:28,640

In 1936, the Stab Mansion was acquired by the La Pousada.

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00:06:28,640 --> 00:06:33,480

Eventually, the modern hotel was built around it.

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00:06:33,480 --> 00:06:36,280

The front door of the mansion is reached through the lobby,

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00:06:36,280 --> 00:06:38,320

and the Stab home is as elegant as ever.

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00:06:41,320 --> 00:06:43,880

The rooms upstairs, including Julia's bedroom,

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00:06:43,880 --> 00:06:46,480

can be booked by hotel guests.

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00:06:46,480 --> 00:06:49,160

And Julia, over the years, has had a way

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00:06:49,160 --> 00:06:53,000

of making her presence known.

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00:06:53,000 --> 00:06:55,400

I think there's something here.

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00:06:55,400 --> 00:06:56,320

There's no doubt.

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00:06:56,320 --> 00:06:59,520

Too many people, including guests who know nothing

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00:06:59,520 --> 00:07:03,320

about the history of the place, say there is something,

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00:07:03,320 --> 00:07:07,440

whether it's a ghost or whether it's some sort of energy.

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00:07:07,440 --> 00:07:09,200

I don't know.

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00:07:09,200 --> 00:07:11,880

The mansion itself was built back in 1882.

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00:07:11,880 --> 00:07:14,080

And it's the first formal brick building

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00:07:14,080 --> 00:07:15,360

in Santa Fe.

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00:07:15,360 --> 00:07:19,000

Chuck Barone was a hardened skeptic until 1991,

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00:07:19,000 --> 00:07:21,160

when he and a desk clerk took several guests

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00:07:21,160 --> 00:07:24,400

on an impromptu tour of the hotel.

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00:07:24,400 --> 00:07:27,000

Even though Julia's room was not occupied,

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00:07:27,000 --> 00:07:32,520

hotel policy required the clerk to knock anyway.

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00:07:32,600 --> 00:07:33,520

I'm in here.

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00:07:36,000 --> 00:07:37,720

I thought you said nobody was in there.

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00:07:37,720 --> 00:07:41,000

I'm going to double check at the front desk.

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00:07:41,000 --> 00:07:42,240

He went downstairs.

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00:07:42,240 --> 00:07:45,080

I stayed up with the guests.

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00:07:45,080 --> 00:07:46,800

And nobody came out the front door.

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00:07:49,680 --> 00:07:50,760

It'd been several minutes.

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00:07:50,760 --> 00:07:53,880

And by then, anything that was thinking about me

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00:07:53,880 --> 00:07:56,560

have passed, because I figured that there

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00:07:56,560 --> 00:07:58,440

was a guest in the room.

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00:07:58,440 --> 00:08:00,360

Let me try.

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00:08:00,360 --> 00:08:02,360

Security.

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00:08:02,360 --> 00:08:04,320

Curiously, the clerk had returned,

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00:08:04,320 --> 00:08:07,560

confirming that Julia's room was not booked.

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00:08:07,560 --> 00:08:10,200

Hello?

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00:08:10,200 --> 00:08:12,600

And as we knocked on the door again, nothing happened.

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00:08:12,600 --> 00:08:16,920

We went in, and the room was empty.

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00:08:16,920 --> 00:08:17,760

Nobody here, correct?

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00:08:17,760 --> 00:08:19,080

I swear.

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00:08:19,080 --> 00:08:23,240

The windows were locked from the inside.

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00:08:23,240 --> 00:08:26,280

Nobody had come out the door.

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00:08:26,280 --> 00:08:28,600

And I really have no explanation for it.

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00:08:29,480 --> 00:08:32,480

Around a year later, Chuck's son, John Barone,

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00:08:32,480 --> 00:08:34,240

who also worked as a security guard,

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00:08:34,240 --> 00:08:37,960

had his own weird encounter when he checked the men's washroom

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00:08:37,960 --> 00:08:40,920

at closing time.

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00:08:40,920 --> 00:08:43,520

Security locking up for the evening.

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00:08:43,520 --> 00:08:46,120

It's time to go.

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00:08:46,120 --> 00:08:51,960

I looked in the mirror, and there was a face, like a reflection.

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00:08:51,960 --> 00:08:53,640

I felt a cold chill come through me,

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

and something told me it's time to leave.

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00:08:56,680 --> 00:08:58,680

I left.

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00:08:58,680 --> 00:09:00,240

I didn't turn off the lights.

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00:09:00,240 --> 00:09:01,840

I didn't turn off the hall lights.

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00:09:01,840 --> 00:09:03,960

I didn't check the female's restroom,

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00:09:03,960 --> 00:09:08,600

and I proceeded out the back door, and I didn't come back.

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00:09:08,600 --> 00:09:10,760

I feel that it is real.

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00:09:10,760 --> 00:09:14,040

There is no doubt in my mind, because I saw someone standing

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00:09:14,040 --> 00:09:16,640

there looking down at us.

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00:09:16,640 --> 00:09:20,360

And before then, I was not a believer.

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00:09:20,360 --> 00:09:25,640

But once I saw her there, I felt like I was in a bad mood.

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00:09:26,080 --> 00:09:29,000

You know, I believe that she is present here.

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00:09:29,000 --> 00:09:31,160

No, ma'am, everything is fine.

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00:09:31,160 --> 00:09:33,560

Ross, will you turn the TV off?

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00:09:36,880 --> 00:09:40,320

This past June, Ross Weisenhoffer and Holly Norr

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00:09:40,320 --> 00:09:44,120

were in Santa Fe to attend a friend's wedding.

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00:09:44,120 --> 00:09:47,280

Even though they stayed in the room across the hall from Julius,

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00:09:47,280 --> 00:09:51,280

Ross and Holly had never heard any of the stories.

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00:09:51,280 --> 00:09:53,240

We shut the TV off.

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00:09:53,240 --> 00:09:56,520

At that time, I was up, and I was trying to go back to sleep,

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00:09:56,520 --> 00:09:58,400

and my eyes were closed.

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00:09:58,400 --> 00:10:01,480

And at that time, I felt something staring at me.

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00:10:05,400 --> 00:10:09,360

I saw the white aberration.

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00:10:09,360 --> 00:10:13,480

You know, I put my head down, and I'm like, my gosh,

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00:10:13,480 --> 00:10:16,200

you know, this isn't happening to me right now.

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00:10:16,200 --> 00:10:19,400

And then I looked up again for the second time,

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00:10:19,400 --> 00:10:21,640

and at that point, it started to become more defined.

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00:10:24,240 --> 00:10:27,240

I put my head back down, and, you know,

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00:10:27,240 --> 00:10:29,240

when I looked up the third time, it definitely

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00:10:29,240 --> 00:10:31,240

was Julius standing there.

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00:10:31,240 --> 00:10:32,240

Ross, what is it?

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00:10:36,240 --> 00:10:38,240

Ross, what's going on?

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00:10:38,240 --> 00:10:39,240

What is it?

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

What are you doing?

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00:10:41,240 --> 00:10:44,240

And at that point, I jumped up out of bed,

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00:10:44,240 --> 00:10:45,240

flicked the lights on.

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00:10:45,240 --> 00:10:46,240

I said, we're out of here.

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00:10:46,240 --> 00:10:50,240

Within five minutes, we were down at the front desk.

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00:10:51,240 --> 00:10:53,240

I've never seen him like that.

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00:10:53,240 --> 00:10:56,240

I've never seen him scared, especially enough

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

to have goosebumps.

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00:10:58,240 --> 00:11:01,240

He was definitely a skeptic before, and then

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00:11:01,240 --> 00:11:07,240

once he saw this happen, he was a believer.

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00:11:07,240 --> 00:11:09,240

So I was quite surprised.

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00:11:15,240 --> 00:11:18,240

Just two weeks later, Ross and Holly were back at the La

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00:11:18,240 --> 00:11:21,240

Posada to talk to Christopher Chacon from the Office

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00:11:21,240 --> 00:11:24,240

of Scientific Investigation and Research.

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00:11:24,240 --> 00:11:26,240

Was it getting brighter when you had the image,

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00:11:26,240 --> 00:11:28,240

or was it just getting thicker?

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00:11:28,240 --> 00:11:30,240

At the hotel, Chacon's team of ghostbusters

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00:11:30,240 --> 00:11:33,240

included a physician, a psychologist,

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00:11:33,240 --> 00:11:35,240

and an electrical engineer.

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00:11:35,240 --> 00:11:38,240

I looked up, it was getting more defined.

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00:11:38,240 --> 00:11:41,240

Where would I be in relationship to where you saw this?

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00:11:41,240 --> 00:11:44,240

Their goal, to determine whether the hauntings here

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00:11:44,240 --> 00:11:47,240

can be explained in scientific, rational terms.

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00:11:48,240 --> 00:11:49,240

Would it be about here?

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00:11:49,240 --> 00:11:50,240

No, shoot closer.

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00:11:50,240 --> 00:11:51,240

Closer?

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00:11:51,240 --> 00:11:52,240

Yeah, almost like right on.

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00:11:52,240 --> 00:11:55,240

Of the 800 investigations Hansen-Poltergeist phenomena

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00:11:55,240 --> 00:11:58,240

that I've been on, 70% of them appear to be,

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00:11:58,240 --> 00:12:00,240

have rational explanations for them.

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

We have found definitively answers.

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00:12:03,240 --> 00:12:06,240

However, there's another 30%, which apparently we cannot

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00:12:06,240 --> 00:12:08,240

find a rational explanation for.

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00:12:08,240 --> 00:12:11,240

They define the known laws of nature and physics,

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00:12:11,240 --> 00:12:13,240

at least as we know them today.

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00:12:13,240 --> 00:12:15,240

What it might kind of remind you of,

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00:12:15,240 --> 00:12:18,240

would you take a look at that and just tell me what comes

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00:12:18,240 --> 00:12:21,240

to mind and what you can see in there?

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00:12:21,240 --> 00:12:23,240

An important part of each investigation

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00:12:23,240 --> 00:12:26,240

is a psychological evaluation of the subjects.

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00:12:26,240 --> 00:12:31,240

She's breaking bad news or bringing bad news to the family.

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00:12:31,240 --> 00:12:33,240

Pull your arm back towards you as hard as you can.

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00:12:33,240 --> 00:12:36,240

Next, the subjects undergo a physical examination

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00:12:36,240 --> 00:12:41,240

to eliminate any possible somatic causes for the sighting.

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00:12:41,240 --> 00:12:43,240

One of the cases that come to mind is one situation

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00:12:43,240 --> 00:12:47,240

where a woman had a brain tumor pressing against a certain part

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00:12:47,240 --> 00:12:50,240

of her brain, which would cause these seizures.

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00:12:50,240 --> 00:12:53,240

And it would create the illusion, at least to her,

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00:12:53,240 --> 00:12:55,240

that some type of entity was coming

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00:12:55,240 --> 00:12:57,240

and having physical contact with her.

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00:12:59,240 --> 00:13:01,240

When we get to the aspect of the case

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00:13:01,240 --> 00:13:03,240

when we're looking into the environment,

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00:13:03,240 --> 00:13:06,240

we begin to take samples of the water,

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00:13:06,240 --> 00:13:08,240

samples of the air.

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00:13:08,240 --> 00:13:10,240

We take elements that the individual would actually

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00:13:10,240 --> 00:13:12,240

have physical contact with, pieces of carpet

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00:13:12,240 --> 00:13:14,240

with the wall, paint on the wall.

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00:13:14,240 --> 00:13:16,240

We're looking for toxic elements,

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00:13:16,240 --> 00:13:18,240

which could somehow affect them.

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00:13:18,240 --> 00:13:21,240

For example, certain types of phosphine gases

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00:13:21,240 --> 00:13:24,240

when mixed with air couldn't produce flashes of light.

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00:13:24,240 --> 00:13:27,240

And some might see this as poltergeist phenomena,

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00:13:27,240 --> 00:13:31,240

when in fact it's obviously rationally explainable.

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00:13:31,240 --> 00:13:33,240

After examining the environment,

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00:13:33,240 --> 00:13:36,240

if we don't find anything which is obvious,

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00:13:36,240 --> 00:13:40,240

we will then proceed to set up equipment in the environment

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00:13:40,240 --> 00:13:43,240

to do a long-term surveillance.

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00:13:43,240 --> 00:13:46,240

We would have specially designed radioactivity

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00:13:46,240 --> 00:13:48,240

monitoring equipment.

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00:13:48,240 --> 00:13:52,240

We look for electrostatic discharge of any type.

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00:13:52,240 --> 00:13:54,240

We would look at the magnetic fields,

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00:13:54,240 --> 00:13:58,240

both electromagnetic fields and geomagnetic fields.

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00:13:58,240 --> 00:14:00,240

We would analyze the spectrum of light

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00:14:00,240 --> 00:14:04,240

from infrared to ultraviolet and everything in between.

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00:14:04,240 --> 00:14:07,240

The environment, in this case the upstairs rooms

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00:14:07,240 --> 00:14:09,240

of the Stav Mansion, is sealed off

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00:14:09,240 --> 00:14:13,240

for a period of 12 to 72 hours.

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00:14:13,240 --> 00:14:16,240

That's a burner, Val, and go ahead and stand back with that.

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00:14:16,240 --> 00:14:18,240

State of the art monitoring equipment,

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00:14:18,240 --> 00:14:20,240

worth more than a half a million dollars,

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00:14:20,240 --> 00:14:24,240

is set up in an adjacent area.

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00:14:24,240 --> 00:14:26,240

Three down, and no arrest.

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00:14:26,240 --> 00:14:28,240

The team then returns to the environment,

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armed with special thermal cameras,

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

which measure temperature variations.

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Finally, the room is plunged into total darkness.

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The team uses a most advanced night vision equipment

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to examine the environment.

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We have floors that are lomsighted.

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At the end of every investigation,

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the team sits down together for a case wrap-up.

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Something that people can perceive, you know,

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there are no air vents.

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We were able to analyze the environment in every possible way,

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and we did not encounter anything which was unusual

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or extraordinary.

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There's no vision, and there's no vision in hearing trouble.

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Okay, psychologically, I think in terms of the behavioral profile,

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I see...

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The examinations performed on Russ and Holly

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prove that they are in fact very credible witnesses.

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Well functioning individuals.

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I see no evidence of any suspicions there.

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Based on all the results of the investigations

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we've conducted here, we haven't found any facts

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to disprove the fact that the La Posada is haunted.

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There certainly then is that possibility

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00:15:35,240 --> 00:15:38,240

that there is unusual paranormal phenomena taking place here.

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Christopher Shacon and his team do plan to return to the hotel

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at least once more to search for definitive signs of a haunting.

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In the meantime, if you should find yourself in Santa Fe,

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if you should check into one of the rooms in the original Stubb mansion,

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it might not be a bad idea to leave a single red rose on the windowsill.

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After all, rumor has it that it was Julius Stubbs' favorite flower.

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When we return, the puzzling death of John Rubis

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did a cunning drug lord stage his own murder to evade capture.

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March 7, 1988, San Juan, Puerto Rico.

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Flame has consumed a late model car that had apparently been abandoned

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in a remote quarter of the city.

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The next morning, local authorities found the remains of a body

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charred beyond recognition in the backseat of the hotel.

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00:16:43,240 --> 00:16:45,240

The hotel was closed for the night,

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00:16:45,240 --> 00:16:48,240

and the hotel was closed for the night.

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00:16:48,240 --> 00:16:53,240

The remains of a body charred beyond recognition in the backseat of the car.

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The only evidence that might eventually lead to an ID of the victim

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00:17:00,240 --> 00:17:04,240

was a fragment of jawbone and four loose teeth recovered from the ashes.

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One week later, an anonymous informant told police

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that the dead man was John Rubis.

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It was a name authorities knew well.

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Scott Rubis was a ringleader of a multi-million dollar drug network.

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Headquartered in Puerto Rico,

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the Rubis operation had a virtual monopoly on cocaine and marijuana distribution

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in the Midwestern United States.

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We were able to obtain dental records from John Rubis' dentist in Florida,

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00:17:36,240 --> 00:17:41,240

and we shipped those dental records to a pathologist in Puerto Rico

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who had found in the burnt automobile four loose teeth and a piece of a jawbone.

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That pathologist identified those loose teeth as being those of John Rubis.

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For years, Rubis had eluded law enforcement in several countries.

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Now fire had apparently accomplished what the law could not.

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John Rubis was out of business.

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Or was he?

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It began with a few whispered rumors.

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But in the months that followed the grisly discovery in Puerto Rico,

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authorities began to suspect that the fiery death of John Rubis was in fact a cunning hoax,

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a roost to avoid prosecution.

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Tonight in an exclusive interview,

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a former member of the drug lords inner circle claims that John Rubis is very much alive

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and as busy as ever.

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The sprawling empire of John Rubis operated with military precision.

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A fleet of small airplanes ferried tons of cocaine and marijuana

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from secret plantations deep in the jungles of Columbia, Panama and Jamaica.

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The flights converged at the island of Puerto Rico.

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The drugs were repackaged and then shipped into the United States through Milwaukee and Chicago.

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Between 1981 and 85, Rubis slipped an estimated \$30 million worth of drugs into the U.S.

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The Rubis operation was a model of efficiency.

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At prearranged times, illicit cargoes arriving from South America

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were dropped just off the coast of Puerto Rico.

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Small boats were already in place waiting to retrieve the drugs.

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In most cases, Rubis had hands-on with the drug trafficking.

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Where a lot of the higher echelon drug traffickers normally would stay in the background,

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Rubis came to the foreground and actively got involved in the distribution process.

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The drugs were brought from the beach to a hidden processing plant in the Puerto Rican Highlands.

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There, the large bundles were broken down into one-pound packages

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that could readily be smuggled into the U.S.

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00:19:58,240 --> 00:20:03,240

John is one of the craftiest guys I've ever met in my life.

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00:20:03,240 --> 00:20:13,240

And his ability to smuggle drugs into the United States, unmolested.

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00:20:13,240 --> 00:20:18,240

You know, he had several years, maybe five, six, seven, eight years of successful smuggling

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00:20:18,240 --> 00:20:23,240

with no type of wiretapping or anything.

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00:20:23,240 --> 00:20:24,240

Don't get funny with my stuff.

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00:20:24,240 --> 00:20:27,240

You know, he ran a real stiff organization.

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00:20:27,240 --> 00:20:30,240

Hey, hey, Pablo! Pablo, come here!

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00:20:30,240 --> 00:20:33,240

Rubis was very ruthless.

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That's typical of the drug business.

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00:20:36,240 --> 00:20:41,240

You have to gain your respect through fear, and Rubis was very good at that.

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Well, I ain't got a problem.

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00:20:44,240 --> 00:20:49,240

In one notorious incident, Rubis supposedly became suspicious that one of his pilots

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00:20:49,240 --> 00:20:53,240

was running his own smuggling operation using a company plane.

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And I see that it takes you twice the time using twice as much fuel.

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00:20:57,240 --> 00:20:58,240

I get nervous.

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00:20:58,240 --> 00:21:00,240

Yeah, but we have the problem.

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00:21:00,240 --> 00:21:01,240

Sam!

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00:21:08,240 --> 00:21:10,240

Hey, John, you got the wrong man here.

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00:21:10,240 --> 00:21:14,240

Yeah, that's right. I got the wrong man.

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00:21:14,240 --> 00:21:18,240

Open your mouth! Open your mouth!

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00:21:18,240 --> 00:21:21,240

What do you think it would take for me to pull the trigger, huh?

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

What do you think it would take?

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00:21:23,240 --> 00:21:25,240

What do you think it would take?

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00:21:25,240 --> 00:21:28,240

Go on, get out of here!

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00:21:28,240 --> 00:21:31,240

Get out! Get out!

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00:21:32,240 --> 00:21:38,240

Rubis ruled it was such an iron hand that it took investigators years to penetrate the organization,

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00:21:38,240 --> 00:21:43,240

locate the hidden processing plant, and close in on Rubis himself.

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By December of 1987, authorities in the United States had enough evidence to charge 37 members of the ring.

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Every one of them was arrested. Every one but John Rubis.

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He seemed to have vanished into thin air.

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00:21:59,240 --> 00:22:07,240

Three months later, the charge remains were identified as Rubis based solely on the four teeth

found at the scene.

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In the United States, the outstanding charges against Rubis were dropped.

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In Puerto Rico, police uncovered a vendetta that had apparently led to the murder of the fugitive drug lord.

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Donald Kurtzer, a former associate of Rubis, was convicted of masterminding the hit.

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Allegedly, Rubis was killed in retaliation for raping both Kurtzer's girlfriend and the 14-year-old daughter of Kurtzer's housekeeper.

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According to Puerto Rican authorities, the night of his death, Rubis arrived at the airport in San Juan.

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He was met there by two women, one of whom was ultimately convicted in the case.

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00:22:45,240 --> 00:22:50,240

Although he rarely drank, Rubis was said to be heavily intoxicated.

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00:22:50,240 --> 00:22:52,240

You were so worried about you.

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00:22:52,240 --> 00:22:53,240

Worry.

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00:22:53,240 --> 00:22:55,240

Honey, I miss you.

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00:22:58,240 --> 00:23:05,240

Explaining that they had nonexpected errand, the women drove their passenger to a deserted area on the outskirts of town.

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00:23:05,240 --> 00:23:08,240

Hey, where are we?

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00:23:08,240 --> 00:23:11,240

Calm down. Calm down. Look, we'll be right back.

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00:23:11,240 --> 00:23:13,240

And you're here, okay?

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00:23:13,240 --> 00:23:15,240

Let's go, girl.

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00:23:15,240 --> 00:23:18,240

Hey, baboso.

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00:23:45,240 --> 00:23:47,240

Get us some stuff.

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00:23:57,240 --> 00:24:01,240

Officially, John Rubis ceased to exist. Officially.

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00:24:04,240 --> 00:24:05,240

Yeah, what's up?

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00:24:05,240 --> 00:24:08,240

Hey, John. John, where you been?

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00:24:08,240 --> 00:24:14,240

But a few months later, his former associate, Richard, received a call from a dead man.

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00:24:14,240 --> 00:24:17,240

I mean, it's not a good time to go down there right now.

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00:24:17,240 --> 00:24:20,240

All right. I think I know what you're talking about.

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00:24:20,240 --> 00:24:23,240

Right. They closed down the old house. A lot of the people have been picked up.

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00:24:23,240 --> 00:24:26,240

I have no doubt about it being John Rubis, you know.

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00:24:26,240 --> 00:24:31,240

We had acquaintance, you know, over an extensive period of time.

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00:24:31,240 --> 00:24:35,240

So, I mean, you know, I'd know his voice anywhere.

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00:24:35,240 --> 00:24:42,240

We also began to receive information through some various other of the co-defendants that had been charged in the case.

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00:24:42,240 --> 00:24:47,240

That perhaps Rubis was alive, that they had seen him, that they had talked to him.

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00:24:47,240 --> 00:24:57,240

And what was reported to us was that one of the defendant's wives had received a telephone call from a person that she identified as John Rubis.

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00:24:57,240 --> 00:24:59,240

Yeah, listen, I'm sorry things are not...

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00:24:59,240 --> 00:25:02,240

Authorities have another reason to believe Rubis is still alive.

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00:25:02,240 --> 00:25:06,240

He was simply too smart to let himself be trapped.

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00:25:06,240 --> 00:25:08,240

Yeah, just tell them I'll make it up to them.

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00:25:08,240 --> 00:25:17,240

Rubis, in the business he was involved in, illegal narcotics, was a very suspicious individual and took a lot of precaution to protect himself.

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00:25:17,240 --> 00:25:23,240

He never traveled alone, and when he did travel, he always traveled armed.

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So, the facts that were put together just did not fit well with what we knew of John Rubis.

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Two people have served time in Puerto Rican prisons for the murder of John Rubis.

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Was Rubis truly the victim, or was someone else assassinated in his place?

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00:25:42,240 --> 00:25:51,240

Rubis was fully capable of staging his own death, and may well have had his own teeth extracted in order to accomplish a false identification of a body.

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00:25:51,240 --> 00:25:58,240

And I believe that there is substantial reason to believe that John Rubis is alive.

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00:25:58,240 --> 00:26:03,240

Whether he could have, he did pull it off.

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00:26:03,240 --> 00:26:10,240

I know John pretty well, and John is a very mystique type of guy.

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00:26:10,240 --> 00:26:15,240

One thing that he would never do is caught himself in a situation where he couldn't get out.

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00:26:15,240 --> 00:26:21,240

He always had an exit that most people didn't know about.

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00:26:21,240 --> 00:26:26,240

The bottom line is that John Rubis still rides.

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00:26:33,240 --> 00:26:34,740

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00:27:03,240 --> 00:27:06,200

has nothing like an old legend of buried treasure

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00:27:06,200 --> 00:27:09,360

to lure otherwise sensible folks into the wilderness

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00:27:09,360 --> 00:27:12,880

to risk their lives.

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00:27:12,880 --> 00:27:16,200

While these tales may be rich in history and folklore,

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00:27:16,200 --> 00:27:18,800

we've learned that they don't usually amount much when

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00:27:18,800 --> 00:27:21,480

it comes to actually finding anything of value.

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00:27:24,080 --> 00:27:26,680

That is until we heard about the buried treasures

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00:27:26,680 --> 00:27:28,520

of Elysian Park.

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00:27:28,520 --> 00:27:32,360

575 acres of hills and secluded canyons

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00:27:32,360 --> 00:27:35,840

situated just two miles from the heart of downtown Los Angeles.

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00:27:38,680 --> 00:27:42,000

In June of 1994, unsolved mysteries

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00:27:42,000 --> 00:27:44,320

brought in a team of historical researchers

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00:27:44,320 --> 00:27:47,000

and high-tech surveyors to follow up

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00:27:47,000 --> 00:27:50,120

age-old rumors of buried gold and jewels

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00:27:50,120 --> 00:27:52,040

that would now be worth millions.

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00:27:52,040 --> 00:27:54,400

OK, good line.

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00:27:54,400 --> 00:27:56,880

Incredibly, the sensitive instruments

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00:27:56,880 --> 00:28:00,000

revealed that the legendary treasures of Elysian Park

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00:28:00,000 --> 00:28:02,000

may in fact be real.

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00:28:06,080 --> 00:28:10,280

It seems hard to believe that 150 years ago, Los Angeles

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00:28:10,280 --> 00:28:13,200

was just a dusty pueblo, a quiet outpost

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00:28:13,200 --> 00:28:16,200

in the northernmost territory of Mexico.

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00:28:16,200 --> 00:28:22,120

But that way of life came to a sudden end in 1846.

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00:28:22,120 --> 00:28:26,040

War had erupted between Mexico and the United States.

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00:28:26,040 --> 00:28:28,960

According to stories handed down over the years,

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00:28:29,000 --> 00:28:33,160

well-to-do Angelenos panicked as American forces drew near.

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00:28:33,160 --> 00:28:35,840

Some dug elaborate escape tunnels.

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00:28:35,840 --> 00:28:39,240

Others buried their family fortunes for safekeeping.

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00:28:39,240 --> 00:28:40,840

This is the approach of my mother.

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00:28:40,840 --> 00:28:45,240

I know, Kalen, but you have to be strong.

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00:28:45,240 --> 00:28:47,160

Now is the time to put things in place.

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00:28:50,240 --> 00:28:53,480

This was the best thing that they could do

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00:28:53,480 --> 00:28:55,800

to protect their valuables at the time.

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00:28:55,800 --> 00:28:59,240

And it was a customary way because there were no banks.

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00:28:59,240 --> 00:29:01,720

If you wanted to protect something, bury it.

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00:29:01,720 --> 00:29:03,640

Hide it.

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00:29:03,640 --> 00:29:06,760

Boys, help me with this box.

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00:29:06,760 --> 00:29:09,240

Elysian Park was the most logical place

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00:29:09,240 --> 00:29:13,200

for people living in the Los Angeles area at that time

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00:29:13,200 --> 00:29:16,240

to bury treasure.

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00:29:16,240 --> 00:29:18,400

Through the years, stories circulated

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00:29:18,400 --> 00:29:20,560

that some families never came back

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00:29:20,560 --> 00:29:22,560

and that their treasures were still waiting

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00:29:22,560 --> 00:29:24,760

to be discovered in Elysian Park.

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00:29:26,800 --> 00:29:32,040

In 1984, two sisters hired Roy Roush to explore in the park.

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00:29:32,040 --> 00:29:34,800

The women recall their father searching for one

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00:29:34,800 --> 00:29:37,400

of the fabled treasures when they were children.

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00:29:37,400 --> 00:29:40,640

Soon they located a spot that seemed familiar.

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00:29:40,640 --> 00:29:42,400

Right up in there.

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00:29:42,400 --> 00:29:44,880

That looks pretty good.

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00:29:44,880 --> 00:29:48,640

I realized that this was an excellent place to bury treasure

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00:29:48,640 --> 00:29:52,480

because it was a place where you could dig

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00:29:52,520 --> 00:29:55,720

a good-sized tunnel without being observed.

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00:29:55,720 --> 00:29:57,720

Those here were trees and hills.

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00:29:59,720 --> 00:30:01,720

Well, the first thing that attracted my attention

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00:30:01,720 --> 00:30:04,320

was on the side of a sandstone bluff.

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00:30:04,320 --> 00:30:07,320

There were three indentations.

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00:30:07,320 --> 00:30:11,320

The holes seemed to be rather symmetrical and rather smooth,

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00:30:11,320 --> 00:30:14,320

and it looked like it probably could be man-made.

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00:30:14,320 --> 00:30:18,320

However, it was quite possible that it could be natural also.

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00:30:18,320 --> 00:30:20,320

So keeping that in mind,

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00:30:20,360 --> 00:30:23,360

I'm now looking around for some other signs and symbols.

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00:30:23,360 --> 00:30:28,360

About 75 feet away, at the same level,

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00:30:28,360 --> 00:30:30,360

on the side of the hill,

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00:30:30,360 --> 00:30:35,360

I discovered some initials carved in the side of another rock.

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00:30:41,360 --> 00:30:43,360

Halfway between the two signs,

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00:30:43,360 --> 00:30:46,360

Roy spotted exactly what he had been looking for.

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00:30:46,360 --> 00:30:48,360

Evidence of the two signs.

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00:30:48,400 --> 00:30:52,400

He was looking for evidence of an old tunnel.

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00:30:52,400 --> 00:30:55,400

Hey, I think I found something.

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00:30:55,400 --> 00:30:57,400

It was not military.

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00:30:57,400 --> 00:30:59,400

It was not a miner's tunnel.

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00:30:59,400 --> 00:31:01,400

It was not for building.

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00:31:01,400 --> 00:31:03,400

It was not an old toilet pit.

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00:31:03,400 --> 00:31:05,400

It all came together.

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00:31:05,400 --> 00:31:07,400

It was perfect.

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00:31:07,400 --> 00:31:09,400

Obviously, it was a treasure shaft.

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00:31:09,400 --> 00:31:12,400

There was no other reason for this hole being there.

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00:31:12,400 --> 00:31:14,400

It seemed simple.

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00:31:14,400 --> 00:31:16,400

Remove dirt, claim treasure.

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00:31:16,440 --> 00:31:19,440

The sisters said they had permits from park officials.

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00:31:19,440 --> 00:31:22,440

Roy suggested that the crew dig at night

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00:31:22,440 --> 00:31:24,440

to avoid attracting rivals.

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00:31:25,440 --> 00:31:27,440

We got down about 25 feet,

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00:31:27,440 --> 00:31:32,440

and I got a fairly good signal right in the center of the hole.

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00:31:35,440 --> 00:31:37,440

We all got excited

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because metal detectors don't lie in a situation like that.

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The instrument had indeed detected buried artifacts,

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but they were not exactly what Roy Rausch was looking for.

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We uncovered two very old flashlight batteries.

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The oldest flashlight batteries I'd ever seen.

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Even though I got no more readings with my metal detector

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after we uncovered the two flashlight batteries,

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we kept digging.

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30 feet into the tunnel, another artifact.

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The frayed end of a very old, crudely made rope.

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This was bad news.

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After finding the two old flashlight batteries

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and the piece of rope,

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it was quite obvious that somebody else had already

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beat us to the treasure years before.

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For Roy Rausch, it was a treasure-hutters' worst nightmare.

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He was certain that he had been a treasure hunter

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for the first nightmare.

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He was certain he had found the right spot,

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00:32:42,520 --> 00:32:44,520

but far too late.

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Well, whatever was in there was big and heavy,

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but somebody's beat us to it.

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It was a combination of gratification and disappointment.

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The gratification was that we had correctly

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00:32:58,520 --> 00:33:01,520

found a treasure tunnel

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00:33:01,520 --> 00:33:03,520

and had excavated it.

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00:33:03,520 --> 00:33:06,520

But the disappointment was that after all the time

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00:33:06,560 --> 00:33:09,560

and money and work and effort that we put into it,

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we had nothing to show for our efforts except

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a couple of old flashlight batteries and a piece of rope.

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Although he came up empty-handed,

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Roy Rausch believes there are still buried treasures

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in Elysian Park with a total value approaching \$1 million.

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To test that theory, unsolved mysteries called upon experts

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from the National Underwater and Marine Agency,

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or NUMA, a nonprofit group

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that conducts both ocean and ground surveys,

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their surface investigation was fully approved

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by city officials.

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All right, guys, let's go.

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The sensing device emits radar waves

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as it is dragged across the field.

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A cross-section of what lies underground

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00:33:54,600 --> 00:33:57,600

shows up on this monitor.

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00:33:57,600 --> 00:34:01,600

An anomaly such as a cannon or perhaps a treasure chest

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00:34:01,640 --> 00:34:04,640

would appear on the screen as a discernible shape

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00:34:04,640 --> 00:34:07,640

among the colors.

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Now, if there's a foreign object in there,

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00:34:09,640 --> 00:34:12,640

like maybe a box or a cannon, something doesn't belong there.

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00:34:12,640 --> 00:34:14,640

We can see it. We have an image of it.

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00:34:14,640 --> 00:34:16,640

Now, we don't know what it's made of yet,

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so we'll come back over and do an electromagnetic survey

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to see if that cannon-type object is a log

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00:34:23,640 --> 00:34:25,640

or really has some metal to it,

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00:34:25,640 --> 00:34:28,640

or that box could have some gold or silver in it,

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00:34:28,680 --> 00:34:31,680

or if it's just a wooden box.

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After the survey was completed,

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computers translated the information

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into these cross-sections.

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Here is the first anomaly.

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Though open to interpretation,

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these marks could suggest the presence of a vertical tunnel

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running to a depth of roughly 30 feet.

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The second anomaly was detected

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less than 10 feet below the surface.

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The survey findings indicate that this anomaly

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is not only a solid object, but is also metallic.

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If there is treasure here,

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I would prefer to see it stay here.

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I'd like to keep that mystery alive.

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I think it adds to the mystique of this park.

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I think it's something that people would probably continue

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to talk about in the future

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and help to keep the mystique of the treasure

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that might be in Elysian Park alive.

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Representatives of NUMA believe the anomalies

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may be important relics from the city's history,

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links to its Mexican past.

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However, it is unlikely we will ever know for sure.

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Obtaining a permit to excavate in Los Angeles

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is even more difficult than finding a buried treasure

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and digging without a permit is strictly against the law.

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Violators are subject to arrest

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00:35:47,720 --> 00:35:51,720

and could end up in jail rather than on Easy Street.

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Next, a man searches for the American soldier

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00:35:54,760 --> 00:35:57,760

who helped save his family during the final days

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00:35:57,760 --> 00:35:59,760

of the Second World War.

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Recently, we received a rather unusual letter

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from one of our viewers.

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She called her attention to the moving story

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of a man she knows in Germany

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

who's looking for someone here in the United States.

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00:36:18,760 --> 00:36:20,760

Needless to say,

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00:36:20,800 --> 00:36:23,800

we were both intrigued and anxious to help.

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So this past summer, we traveled to Europe

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and came back with a poignant mystery

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00:36:28,800 --> 00:36:30,800

of kindness and compassion.

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00:36:33,800 --> 00:36:35,800

For more than a decade,

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00:36:35,800 --> 00:36:38,800

Siegfried and Marguerite Lyre of Maulenbach, Germany

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have been searching for an unsung American hero.

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A young soldier who forged an unlikely friendship

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00:36:44,800 --> 00:36:47,800

with Siegfried when he was just a small boy

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00:36:47,800 --> 00:36:49,800

nearly half a century ago.

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1945,

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00:36:52,800 --> 00:36:55,800

the final days of the Second World War.

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A Germany civilian population,

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00:36:58,800 --> 00:37:02,800

it was a time of uncertainty and despair.

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00:37:02,800 --> 00:37:06,800

Among the innocent victims was young Siegfried Lyre,

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00:37:06,800 --> 00:37:09,800

whose neighborhood in Ludwigshaven was levelled

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00:37:09,800 --> 00:37:11,800

by Allied bombers.

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Siegfried's mother immediately fled

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00:37:14,800 --> 00:37:16,800

with her three youngest children.

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The Lyres walked 125 miles

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00:37:19,840 --> 00:37:22,840

to take refuge with relatives in the village of Maulenbach.

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00:37:22,840 --> 00:37:25,840

They quickly discovered that the hardships,

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00:37:25,840 --> 00:37:28,840

especially for children, were universal.

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00:37:32,840 --> 00:37:34,840

It was very bad.

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00:37:38,840 --> 00:37:41,840

I was four when the war ended.

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00:37:41,840 --> 00:37:43,840

There was very little food to be had.

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00:37:43,880 --> 00:37:47,880

We had to go with smear vouchers and buy food,

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00:37:47,880 --> 00:37:50,880

but there wasn't much around.

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00:37:53,880 --> 00:37:55,880

In March of 1945,

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00:37:55,880 --> 00:37:58,880

American troops rolled into Maulenbach.

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00:37:58,880 --> 00:38:01,880

The German citizens had feared the worst,

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00:38:01,880 --> 00:38:04,880

a conquering army bent on revenge.

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00:38:04,880 --> 00:38:07,880

But instead, they encountered a benevolent corps of occupiers

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00:38:07,880 --> 00:38:10,880

who provided them with food and medical supplies.

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00:38:10,920 --> 00:38:14,920

One of the GIs was a young man named Alexander.

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00:38:17,920 --> 00:38:19,920

Hey, you want something?

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C'mere, it's chocolate.

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00:38:24,920 --> 00:38:26,920

C'mere, it's all right.

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00:38:26,920 --> 00:38:29,920

Hey, hey, kiddo.

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00:38:29,920 --> 00:38:31,920

Can you say chocolate?

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00:38:31,920 --> 00:38:35,920

Chocolate. Very good. Very good.

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00:38:35,920 --> 00:38:37,920

What do you like?

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00:38:37,960 --> 00:38:40,960

He was sympathetic to me and friendly.

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00:38:43,960 --> 00:38:47,960

If it hadn't been for him, perhaps I would not be alive today.

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00:38:47,960 --> 00:38:50,960

He was a guardian angel for me.

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00:38:54,960 --> 00:38:57,960

Good day.

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00:38:57,960 --> 00:38:59,960

Good day.

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00:38:59,960 --> 00:39:01,960

Where are you?

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00:39:01,960 --> 00:39:04,960

I'm Alexander, American.

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00:39:05,000 --> 00:39:09,000

The guardian angel took it upon himself to track Siegfried down.

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00:39:09,000 --> 00:39:12,000

Can you say soup?

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00:39:12,000 --> 00:39:14,000

Soup?

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00:39:14,000 --> 00:39:16,000

Is that soup?

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00:39:16,000 --> 00:39:18,000

Oh, soup.

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00:39:18,000 --> 00:39:21,000

Alexander took a genuine interest in the liar family,

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00:39:21,000 --> 00:39:25,000

and before long, the food shortages were a dim memory.

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00:39:29,000 --> 00:39:31,000

He brought us food from the army,

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00:39:31,000 --> 00:39:34,000

the same food eaten by them in B also ate.

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00:39:34,040 --> 00:39:37,040

Oh, it smells good.

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00:39:37,040 --> 00:39:40,040

Oh, yeah, looks great.

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00:39:40,040 --> 00:39:43,040

He used to come by every day if only to pick me up

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00:39:43,040 --> 00:39:46,040

and take me to kindergarten or to pick me up there later.

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00:39:46,040 --> 00:39:50,040

Each time he would bring a little food.

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00:39:52,040 --> 00:39:55,040

The bond between the German child and the American GI

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00:39:55,040 --> 00:39:58,040

grew stronger with each passing day.

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00:39:58,040 --> 00:40:00,040

Alexander would often invite Siegfried

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00:40:00,040 --> 00:40:03,040

to tag along on routine patrols around town.

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00:40:03,080 --> 00:40:05,080

You want to drive?

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00:40:05,080 --> 00:40:07,080

Drive?

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00:40:07,080 --> 00:40:09,080

G.

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00:40:09,080 --> 00:40:11,080

Okay.

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00:40:11,080 --> 00:40:13,080

Here, grab the wheel.

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00:40:13,080 --> 00:40:15,080

Watch the road.

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00:40:15,080 --> 00:40:17,080

When I met him, I would have found a gift.

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00:40:17,080 --> 00:40:19,080

The night was allowed to drive with him.

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00:40:19,080 --> 00:40:22,080

That was the most wonderful thing.

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00:40:22,080 --> 00:40:25,080

Ah, Siegfried, you're driving!

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00:40:25,080 --> 00:40:29,080

I'm really here driving.

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00:40:29,080 --> 00:40:31,080

The night was sitting in the car

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00:40:31,120 --> 00:40:33,120

and the other children saw me.

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00:40:33,120 --> 00:40:35,120

They were perhaps a bit jealous

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00:40:35,120 --> 00:40:37,120

because I was allowed to drive

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00:40:37,120 --> 00:40:39,120

and they couldn't.

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00:40:39,120 --> 00:40:41,120

I was fairly proud.

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00:40:41,120 --> 00:40:43,120

I don't know if you're going to understand

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00:40:43,120 --> 00:40:45,120

what I'm trying to say to you,

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00:40:45,120 --> 00:40:48,120

but I have to go.

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00:40:48,120 --> 00:40:52,120

Inevitably, the time came to say goodbye.

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00:40:52,120 --> 00:40:55,120

We may not see each other for a long time.

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00:40:55,120 --> 00:40:58,120

For a very long time.

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00:40:58,160 --> 00:41:01,160

I was sad.

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00:41:01,160 --> 00:41:04,160

Perhaps I would never see him again.

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00:41:04,160 --> 00:41:07,160

As I think about it today,

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00:41:07,160 --> 00:41:10,160

I was really sad.

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00:41:10,160 --> 00:41:12,160

Okay?

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00:41:22,160 --> 00:41:24,160

Take this, boys.

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00:41:28,160 --> 00:41:32,160

I have always thought about how he helped us

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00:41:32,160 --> 00:41:36,160

and that I shouldn't turn and help other people.

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00:41:36,160 --> 00:41:40,160

He was not obliged to us in any way,

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00:41:40,160 --> 00:41:43,160

but he did it as a human being

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00:41:43,160 --> 00:41:46,160

out of human love.

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00:41:46,160 --> 00:41:49,160

I'm not a human being.

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00:41:49,160 --> 00:41:52,160

I'm not a human being.

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00:41:52,160 --> 00:41:55,160

I'm not a human being.

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00:41:55,200 --> 00:41:58,200

Out of human love.

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00:42:01,200 --> 00:42:03,200

Today, Siegfried has only one

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precious memento of Alexander.

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This photograph, taken in the spring of 1945,

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at the time,

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00:42:11,200 --> 00:42:13,200

Alexander was approximately 20 years old.

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He would now be around 70.

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Siegfried Lyard does not know

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Alexander's last name.

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He does know that Alexander was part

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00:42:23,240 --> 00:42:25,240

of an army unit that marched into

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00:42:25,240 --> 00:42:28,240

Moorlbach, Germany on March 27, 1945.

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While there, the soldiers were housed

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00:42:31,240 --> 00:42:33,240

at the Grünebaum guesthouse.

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On a previous broadcast,

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we brought you the poignant story

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00:42:45,240 --> 00:42:47,240

of the Cron family of Anaheim, Illinois.

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Just before Christmas in 1948,

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Hilde Cron and seven of her children

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had been evicted from their home.

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The only available shelter

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was the Henry County Jail.

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Eventually, the children were all separated,

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either put up for adoption

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00:43:03,280 --> 00:43:06,280

or placed in foster care.

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00:43:06,280 --> 00:43:08,280

18 years later, two of the children,

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Marie and Raymond,

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00:43:10,280 --> 00:43:12,280

managed to find each other.

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00:43:12,280 --> 00:43:14,280

Together, they set out to track down

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00:43:14,280 --> 00:43:16,280

the rest of the family.

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For 18 years, Marie and Raymond

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00:43:21,320 --> 00:43:23,320

suffered through a series of near misses

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00:43:23,320 --> 00:43:25,320

and false leads.

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Finally, in 1993, they did locate

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one sister, Carol.

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Then their story aired on Unsolved Mysteries.

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Incredibly, within a few hours,

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two more sisters and three brothers

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had been found.

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On July 9, 1994,

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we were at Raymond's house in Houston, Texas,

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as the Cron family gathered for their first reunion

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00:43:48,360 --> 00:43:50,360

in more than 45 years.

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00:43:50,360 --> 00:43:54,360

Marie's dream had finally come true.

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00:43:54,360 --> 00:43:57,360

I've been looking forward to this for a long time,

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00:43:57,360 --> 00:44:00,360

because I didn't know if I would ever get

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00:44:00,360 --> 00:44:02,360

to really meet him in person or not.

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00:44:07,360 --> 00:44:10,360

I feel that the love is, you know, still there.

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00:44:10,360 --> 00:44:13,360

It's, uh, it never went away.

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00:44:13,360 --> 00:44:15,360

It's always been there,

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00:44:15,360 --> 00:44:17,360

and I always wondered about him,

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00:44:17,400 --> 00:44:20,400

and now I'll finally get to find out

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00:44:20,400 --> 00:44:22,400

what's been going on with their life

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00:44:22,400 --> 00:44:25,400

and everything and get reacquainted.

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00:44:29,400 --> 00:44:31,400

For the oldest sister, Betty Jane,

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the reunion was particularly emotional.

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00:44:34,400 --> 00:44:37,400

I knew that was Marie right away.

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00:44:37,400 --> 00:44:39,400

Just by looking at her,

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00:44:39,400 --> 00:44:41,400

I knew that was Marie.

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

And that's when the first one I embraced.

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00:44:44,440 --> 00:44:48,440

I was very happy to see them all.

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00:44:48,440 --> 00:44:50,440

They all start coming to me,

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00:44:50,440 --> 00:44:52,440

and I start going to them, hugging them and everything.

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00:44:52,440 --> 00:44:55,440

So I was very happy, and I feel good.

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00:44:55,440 --> 00:44:57,440

I really do.

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00:44:57,440 --> 00:45:02,440

For Raymond, the end of the search meant a new beginning.

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00:45:02,440 --> 00:45:04,440

I know you're going to be tired real soon.

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00:45:04,440 --> 00:45:06,440

Yeah.

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00:45:06,440 --> 00:45:08,440

We got a lot of catching up.

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00:45:08,440 --> 00:45:10,440

Yeah, we do.

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00:45:10,480 --> 00:45:14,480

I always knew that their names and everything,

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00:45:14,480 --> 00:45:16,480

but I just as I, you know,

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I didn't know how to go about finding them

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or anything we hunted, and we just got turned down

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every place we turned to try to find them.

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And then, until this came along,

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it worked.

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Thank you.

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Join me next time.

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Perhaps you may be able to help solve a mystery.