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This program is about unsolved mysteries.

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Whenever possible, the actual family members and police

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officials have participated in recreating the events.

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

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To millions of devout Catholics,

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he was known as Padre Pio.

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When he was 31, this humble priest

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was said to have had an extraordinary vision of Jesus

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Christ, which meant he was going to be a Christian.

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He had an extraordinary vision of Jesus Christ,

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which many believe left him blessed with the power

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to heal the sick.

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Tonight, you will meet two people who

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are convinced that they were cured by miracles.

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Miracles they attribute to God through the intercession

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of Padre Pio.

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In a remote campground area, an off-road enthusiast

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had a surreal encounter with a beautiful blonde woman

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and three angry strangers.

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Little did he know that this curious episode would later

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make him a key witness in a murder mystery.

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During World War II, the Lazarus family of Baltimore,

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Maryland, was told that their eldest son, Sylvan,

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had died in a plane crash in North Africa.

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However, three months later, they

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identified him in this photograph

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of captured American airmen.

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Today, his relatives are still determined

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to find out what happened to Sylvan Lazarus.

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Join me for these intriguing and fascinating cases

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of tonight's edition of Unsub Mysteries.

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In 1987, Pope John Paul II traveled to the Italian city

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of San Giovanni Rotondo to pay homage

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at the tomb of one of the most renowned

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and controversial figures in the history of the Catholic Church.

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To millions of devout followers around the world,

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he was known as Padre Pio.

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He had been born Francesco Forgione in 1887,

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the son of farmers.

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You're about to hear the uplifting stories

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of two people who believe their lives were saved

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by the miraculous powers of Padre Pio.

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This is Paul Walsh of Ridley Park, Pennsylvania.

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In 1983, during his senior year in high school,

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Paul was so badly injured in an automobile accident

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that doctors gave him almost no hope of survival.

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Today, Paul attends college and is recovered completely.

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When Vera Marie Calandra was two years old,

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her parents were told she only had a few weeks to live.

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26 years later, Vera Marie is perfectly healthy.

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And has no traces of the illness that almost killed her.

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Vera Marie Calandra and Paul Walsh believe

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they are alive today because they

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were each blessed by a miracle.

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Miracles they attribute to God through the intercession

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of Padre Pio.

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How did this unassuming priest become known worldwide

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as a great healer?

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## The remarkable saga of Padre Pio

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begins in 1903 when he decided to enter the priesthood

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and dedicate his life to God.

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Seven years later, in 1910, Padre Pio

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was ordained at the age of 23.

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Even then, his extraordinary righteousness and piety

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distinguished him from the other priests in the friary.

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But no one anticipated the remarkable events that

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took place on September 20, 1918.

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That morning, Padre Pio was deep in prayer

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when he experienced what is known in the faith as an ecstasy,

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a profound vision that many believe

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left tangible evidence that Padre Pio had been touched

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by the hand of God.

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I'm trying to get your presence.

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Please, what do you want from me?

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I want to see you.

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00:04:50,280 --> 00:04:51,280

I want to see you.

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When the ecstasy was ended, he noticed that his hands and feet

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inside were bleeding.

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I see blood.

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And he had to drag himself to his cell.

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And there, he cleaned his wounds.

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And he began to sing hymns of praise to God

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because of the vision.

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These are photographs of the wounds on Padre Pio's hands.

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Along with those on his feet and side,

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they are said to generally correspond

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to the wounds suffered by Jesus on the cross.

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They are commonly referred to as the stigmata.

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From the start, some church officials

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doubted the validity of Padre Pio's claim.

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They suspected that the wounds had been self-inflicted

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and called in doctors to examine them.

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One of the doctors decided to conduct an experiment.

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He directed that the friars bandage the wounds

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and seal them for eight days so that nobody could

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00:06:08,480 --> 00:06:12,320

open the bandage without being detected.

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And he felt that after eight days,

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you would see the beginning of healing in the wounds.

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And after eight days, the wounds were undressed,

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and they were still the way they were before.

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There was no sign of healing.

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As words spread about Padre Pio's divine revelation,

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pilgrims began flocking to San Giovanni Rotondo,

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00:06:33,400 --> 00:06:36,200

anxious to be blessed by Padre Pio's grace.

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Anxious to be blessed by Padre Pio,

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00:06:38,960 --> 00:06:41,360

and bear witness to the miracle of the stigmata.

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You had almost like a carnival atmosphere there

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at San Giovanni Rotondo.

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People were hawking pictures of Padre Pio.

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They were dipping pieces of cloth and chicken blood,

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00:06:54,280 --> 00:06:57,320

or rabbit blood, and selling them as sandages soaked

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00:06:57,320 --> 00:07:01,160

with the blood of the Padre Pio stigmata.

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That became a problem for the superiors.

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The church took drastic action.

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Padre Pio was sentenced to a sort of internal exile,

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forbidden to venture into public or conduct

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any of his priestly duties.

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The exile lasted three years.

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Ultimately, the Vatican relented,

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and Padre Pio was restored to his former position

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with one exception.

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He was prohibited from showing the stigmata in public.

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By his own choice, Padre Pio wore gloves

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to hide the wounds.

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As the years passed and Padre Pio's fame blossomed,

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he developed an international reputation

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as a man of miracles.

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The faithful turned to him in droves,

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seeking divine intervention for their earthly afflictions.

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Among them were Vera and Harry Calandra of Bartle, Pennsylvania.

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Their fifth child, Vera Marie, had been born in 1966

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with congenital defects of the kidneys and urinary tract.

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Two years and four operations later,

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00:08:14,000 --> 00:08:17,880

the doctor delivered the worst possible news.

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Want my advice?

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00:08:20,040 --> 00:08:22,240

Take your daughter home.

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00:08:22,240 --> 00:08:23,880

Make her comfortable.

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00:08:23,880 --> 00:08:25,160

What are you saying?

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00:08:25,160 --> 00:08:27,880

You want us to just give up on Vera Marie?

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00:08:27,880 --> 00:08:29,080

There comes a time.

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He came back to us immediately and said, she's in recovery,

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00:08:34,080 --> 00:08:37,920

and we did remove her urinary bladder.

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00:08:37,920 --> 00:08:40,160

I thought I would pass out.

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00:08:40,160 --> 00:08:45,560

I said, but how will she live without a bladder?

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00:08:45,560 --> 00:08:49,280

He said, she's not going to live.

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00:08:49,280 --> 00:08:51,360

Vera Marie was fitted with a catheter,

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00:08:51,360 --> 00:08:54,120

but her condition continued to deteriorate.

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Her parents sought comfort in the church.

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Mrs. Calandra sent a telegram to Padre Pio, then 80 years old,

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asking for his blessings.

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A few weeks later, she says she received a sign

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00:09:07,960 --> 00:09:11,360

that her prayers had been heard.

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I was sitting in the living room of my home with Vera Marie

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00:09:15,480 --> 00:09:18,760

sitting on the floor, and suddenly I

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00:09:18,760 --> 00:09:25,920

experienced a most unusual fragrance of fresh roses,

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00:09:25,920 --> 00:09:29,000

something I never experienced before.

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00:09:29,000 --> 00:09:33,960

I had no flowers in my home, yet all around my head

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00:09:33,960 --> 00:09:40,840

was an overwhelming, powerful fragrance of roses.

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00:09:40,840 --> 00:09:45,040

And then suddenly Padre Pio spoke to me.

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00:09:45,040 --> 00:09:50,720

He said, I want you to bring your little girl to me here

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00:09:50,720 --> 00:09:54,160

in Italy, but do not delay.

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00:09:54,160 --> 00:09:57,680

Come immediately.

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00:09:57,680 --> 00:10:01,600

On September 1, 1968, with a railing daughter Vera Marie

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00:10:01,600 --> 00:10:05,760

and a newborn infant in tow, Vera Calandra arrived in Italy

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00:10:05,760 --> 00:10:09,520

and made her way to the church at San Giovanni Rotondo.

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Excuse me.

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Father, I need to see Padre Pio.

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Padre Pio is very weak and he's sick.

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00:10:18,040 --> 00:10:20,080

Oh, please, I need to see him right now.

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00:10:20,080 --> 00:10:21,000

What is the reason?

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What makes you special?

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Because my daughter is dying.

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00:10:23,320 --> 00:10:24,440

He told me to come.

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00:10:24,440 --> 00:10:25,400

I need to see him.

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00:10:25,400 --> 00:10:26,800

Please.

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I call it a visit.

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Actually, it was a fleeting moment.

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He was in a wheelchair.

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We were in the sacristy.

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He was brought forth in his wheelchair.

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00:10:39,640 --> 00:10:44,800

We knelt before him as we were told to do.

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00:10:44,800 --> 00:10:48,160

He touched my sick daughter on the top of the head,

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00:10:48,160 --> 00:10:49,440

and he didn't even look at me.

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00:10:49,600 --> 00:10:55,880

I was crushed because I thought, here is an expensive trip.

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00:10:55,880 --> 00:10:57,400

Came a great distance.

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00:10:57,400 --> 00:11:00,600

My daughter could die, and I have not the chance

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00:11:00,600 --> 00:11:05,720

to speak with him and explain to him the problems that we have

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00:11:05,720 --> 00:11:11,160

at this time and how we're asking him to help us.

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The next day, Vera returned.

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00:11:13,160 --> 00:11:16,840

It was granted a rare private audience with Padre Pio.

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There he was, right in front of me, in the wheelchair.

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00:11:22,120 --> 00:11:24,480

And he put out his hand and touched my sick daughter

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00:11:24,480 --> 00:11:27,800

on the top of the head.

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00:11:27,800 --> 00:11:32,400

I spoke to him through my heart.

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00:11:32,400 --> 00:11:39,200

Please, God, make a miracle so that all the people will believe.

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00:11:40,200 --> 00:11:42,640

Two weeks later, back in America,

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00:11:42,640 --> 00:11:46,840

it began to appear that a miracle had indeed occurred.

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00:11:46,840 --> 00:11:48,640

Is there anything we can hope for?

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This may have no significance whatsoever,

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but we found what appears to be the remains of a bladder here.

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Well, I hit the ceiling and said,

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00:11:55,800 --> 00:11:57,840

but, Doctor, you've removed her bladder

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00:11:57,840 --> 00:12:01,000

before we left on our trip.

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00:12:01,000 --> 00:12:04,000

And he said, I'm going to take her to the hospital.

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00:12:04,000 --> 00:12:06,000

I'm going to take her to the hospital.

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00:12:06,000 --> 00:12:08,560

We left on our trip.

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00:12:08,560 --> 00:12:12,400

And he said, well, it's there.

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00:12:12,400 --> 00:12:16,120

I don't know what it is, but we'll leave it alone.

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00:12:16,120 --> 00:12:20,320

I was very, very happy because I figured, well,

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00:12:20,320 --> 00:12:23,480

something did happen, you know?

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00:12:23,480 --> 00:12:31,080

And the doctor says, whatever you're doing, continue to do it.

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00:12:31,080 --> 00:12:36,800

Hydrapio has affected my life in many different ways.

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00:12:36,800 --> 00:12:39,320

He's brought me closer to God.

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00:12:39,320 --> 00:12:45,400

He has made me survive when I should have been dead.

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00:12:45,400 --> 00:12:48,360

And in a lot of ways, he's always there for me

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00:12:48,360 --> 00:12:49,240

and my whole family.

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On September 23, 1968, just weeks

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after he blessed Vera Marie, Hydrapio passed away.

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Curiously after half a century, the stigmata

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were said to have completely healed

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00:13:04,760 --> 00:13:06,440

during the final days of his life.

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That same year, to honor their own personal miracle,

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the Calandra family established the National

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Center for Padre Pio.

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The center has worked with thousands

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who claim to have been healed by Padre Pio's miraculous powers

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even in the years after his death.

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One of the most dramatic cases is that of Paul Walsh.

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In December of 1983, Paul was rushed to the hospital

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after a serious car accident.

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He had crushed his skull and broken every bone in his face.

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Paul's mother, Betty, remembers vividly.

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Mrs. Walsh?

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00:13:44,480 --> 00:13:45,440

Where are they taking him?

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00:13:45,440 --> 00:13:46,480

Surgery.

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00:13:46,480 --> 00:13:47,680

How long is that going to take?

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00:13:47,680 --> 00:13:49,760

We have to prep him.

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There really wasn't anything I could do.

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00:13:51,760 --> 00:13:54,560

And I think that there's shock in a case like that,

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00:13:54,560 --> 00:13:57,760

where you kind of are in a daze, that you can't believe

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00:13:57,760 --> 00:13:58,760

it's happening.

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All right.

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All they really said that night was

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00:14:02,480 --> 00:14:05,560

massive facial and head injuries.

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00:14:05,560 --> 00:14:08,400

And the outlook was not good.

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00:14:08,400 --> 00:14:15,360

I frankly had basically written him off as possibly even living,

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00:14:15,360 --> 00:14:18,040

let alone living normally.

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00:14:18,040 --> 00:14:23,360

And my prognosis for Paul's normal survival

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00:14:23,360 --> 00:14:26,720

was practically zero.

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00:14:26,720 --> 00:14:29,560

Eventually, Paul developed hydrocephalos and spinal

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meningitis, lapsed into a deep column.

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At this time, Paul was totally unconscious,

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00:14:38,000 --> 00:14:39,280

burning up with fever.

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00:14:39,280 --> 00:14:41,960

The sweat was just pouring off him.

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00:14:41,960 --> 00:14:46,280

A woman at church gave me a prayer to Padre Pio.

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When I came to the Padre Pio prayer,

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I started to say the prayer.

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00:14:50,480 --> 00:14:52,880

Paul's hand came up from his side.

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00:14:52,880 --> 00:14:56,440

Very shakily, he reached toward his forehead.

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00:14:56,440 --> 00:14:57,600

I was shocked.

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00:14:57,600 --> 00:14:59,560

I could not believe it.

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00:14:59,560 --> 00:15:02,000

His hand didn't make his forehead all the way,

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00:15:02,000 --> 00:15:04,280

but he had made the sign of the cross.

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00:15:10,480 --> 00:15:14,760

With renewed hope, Betty contacted the Padre Pio center.

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00:15:14,760 --> 00:15:17,560

Harry Calamity agreed to visit Paul in his hospital.

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00:15:17,560 --> 00:15:20,480

There's been some improvement.

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00:15:20,480 --> 00:15:21,440

Let's pray.

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00:15:21,440 --> 00:15:24,920

Harry began reciting a prayer to Padre Pio

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00:15:24,920 --> 00:15:27,600

and covered Paul's head with a glove that had actually

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00:15:27,600 --> 00:15:30,640

been worn by Padre Pio to conceal the stigma.

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00:15:35,560 --> 00:15:39,280

It was to me as if an electric shock went through Paul.

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00:15:39,280 --> 00:15:41,360

I knew something happened.

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00:15:41,360 --> 00:15:43,160

It was like a sudden jolt.

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00:15:43,160 --> 00:15:44,520

He shook.

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00:15:44,520 --> 00:15:47,360

It only lasted for a second, but he opened his eyes,

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00:15:47,360 --> 00:15:49,960

and he looked at me with such clear eyes

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00:15:49,960 --> 00:15:54,520

as he had not done for a long time.

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00:15:54,520 --> 00:15:55,960

But I knew something had happened,

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00:15:55,960 --> 00:15:57,680

even though it didn't seem outwardly.

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00:15:57,680 --> 00:15:58,360

We left.

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00:15:58,360 --> 00:15:59,600

He was still comatose.

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00:15:59,600 --> 00:16:02,240

We left the room.

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00:16:02,240 --> 00:16:05,440

The next day, I waited purposely until in the afternoon.

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00:16:05,440 --> 00:16:07,080

But I knew something would be different.

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00:16:07,080 --> 00:16:08,920

You're a good kid.

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00:16:08,920 --> 00:16:10,920

Paul.

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00:16:10,920 --> 00:16:11,920

Hey, Mom.

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00:16:11,920 --> 00:16:13,920

Oh.

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00:16:13,920 --> 00:16:14,720

Hey, Scroence.

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00:16:14,720 --> 00:16:15,720

How you doing, buddy?

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00:16:15,720 --> 00:16:17,080

This is our miracle.

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00:16:17,080 --> 00:16:18,400

What are you doing?

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00:16:18,400 --> 00:16:19,560

I'm just drawing.

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00:16:19,560 --> 00:16:20,800

Where have you been?

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00:16:20,800 --> 00:16:22,440

Have the doctors been here?

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00:16:22,440 --> 00:16:24,080

No, the nurses gave me this to draw.

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00:16:24,080 --> 00:16:25,440

I couldn't believe it.

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00:16:25,440 --> 00:16:27,400

One of the nurses came running in through the room.

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00:16:27,400 --> 00:16:28,680

She was so excited.

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00:16:28,680 --> 00:16:31,920

She said he's been talking all day.

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00:16:31,920 --> 00:16:35,520

I asked the one neurosurgery assistant who the day before

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00:16:35,520 --> 00:16:40,320

had shown me all the dead brain cells on the CAT scan.

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00:16:40,320 --> 00:16:41,480

What could have happened?

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00:16:41,480 --> 00:16:44,200

I said, you know this was a miracle.

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

And he said, yes, I know.

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00:16:46,200 --> 00:16:50,280

Other patients I have had that had the same extent of injuries

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00:16:50,280 --> 00:16:54,640

that Paul had are either still in rehabilitation homes

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00:16:54,640 --> 00:16:57,400

or are dead.

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00:16:57,400 --> 00:17:04,960

I have, frankly, not any scientific basis for explaining

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00:17:04,960 --> 00:17:07,280

why he survived.

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00:17:07,280 --> 00:17:11,240

When I did come out of the coma, I was wondering what everybody

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00:17:11,240 --> 00:17:15,440

was making such fuss over me for.

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00:17:15,440 --> 00:17:20,240

I guess at the beginning, before I was told what happened to me,

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00:17:20,680 --> 00:17:25,160

I didn't understand what the big guy at the O was.

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00:17:25,160 --> 00:17:27,600

For Betty Walsh, it was clear that Padre Pio

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00:17:27,600 --> 00:17:30,680

was responsible for Paul's sudden improvement.

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00:17:30,680 --> 00:17:33,840

Two weeks later, Paul told his doctor an odd story

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00:17:33,840 --> 00:17:36,680

that seemed to confirm it.

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00:17:36,680 --> 00:17:39,600

He described being having a visitor whom he thought

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00:17:39,600 --> 00:17:41,200

was his uncle.

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00:17:41,200 --> 00:17:45,880

But he stated that his uncle was dressed up in a brown robe.

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00:17:45,880 --> 00:17:52,120

And I just thought this might be some kind of hallucination.

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00:17:52,120 --> 00:17:54,360

But was it hallucination?

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00:17:54,360 --> 00:17:56,560

Not only Paul, but also his roommate

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00:17:56,560 --> 00:17:58,600

reported seeing the mysterious visitor.

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00:18:01,520 --> 00:18:02,440

Uncle Charlie?

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00:18:04,840 --> 00:18:07,760

Paul continued to believe the man was his uncle

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00:18:07,760 --> 00:18:10,200

until his mother showed him a folded leaflet that

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00:18:10,200 --> 00:18:14,120

featured a photograph of Padre Pio.

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00:18:14,160 --> 00:18:17,080

And I brought the picture in and said to Paul,

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00:18:17,080 --> 00:18:20,080

is this who visited you on Easter Sunday?

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00:18:20,080 --> 00:18:21,280

And I said yes, it was.

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00:18:21,280 --> 00:18:23,160

Had his uncle Charlie, right?

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00:18:23,160 --> 00:18:25,200

And she had folded the paper down and showed me

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00:18:25,200 --> 00:18:27,200

that it was Padre Pio.

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00:18:27,200 --> 00:18:34,520

And at the time, I was laughing at how could it be Padre Pio?

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00:18:34,520 --> 00:18:37,320

Padre Pio is dead.

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00:18:37,320 --> 00:18:40,440

After they had told me what had happened and all,

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00:18:40,440 --> 00:18:41,760

I believe it was Padre Pio.

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00:18:45,120 --> 00:18:48,280

Here was a man who lived in the 20th century,

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00:18:48,280 --> 00:18:51,560

who did the same thing as the apostles did,

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00:18:51,560 --> 00:18:55,920

whose ministry confirms the truth of the New Testament.

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00:18:55,920 --> 00:18:59,560

If you asked him, he would say that he didn't believe in miracles.

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00:18:59,560 --> 00:19:01,760

He would say that he didn't work miracles,

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00:19:01,760 --> 00:19:04,560

because everything is a miracle.

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00:19:04,560 --> 00:19:06,560

Everything is the work of God.

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00:19:14,120 --> 00:19:26,320

Next, a strange encounter in the forest

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00:19:26,320 --> 00:19:27,960

may have been a prelude to murder.

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00:19:38,520 --> 00:19:42,520

The Angeles National Forest, nearly 700,000 acres

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00:19:42,520 --> 00:19:45,280

of wilderness recreation area just 30 minutes

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00:19:45,280 --> 00:19:48,160

outside Los Angeles.

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00:19:48,160 --> 00:19:50,120

For city dwellers, the Angeles Forest

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00:19:50,120 --> 00:19:55,680

is a perfect weekend getaway with plenty of space to be alone.

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00:19:55,680 --> 00:20:00,760

On Saturday, February 29, 1992, a dedicated off-road enthusiast

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00:20:00,760 --> 00:20:03,920

named Jeff was exploring a campground area,

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00:20:03,920 --> 00:20:06,280

when his curiosity led him into a mystery.

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00:20:09,160 --> 00:20:11,320

I've been back in there before, and it was the first time

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00:20:11,320 --> 00:20:13,960

I'd noticed this one little road off to the side.

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00:20:13,960 --> 00:20:18,640

And I was proceeding, got maybe 100 yards back if that.

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00:20:18,640 --> 00:20:20,760

And I saw somebody had set up a camp there.

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00:20:33,120 --> 00:20:35,640

As I pulled up, directly in front of me,

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00:20:35,640 --> 00:20:38,320

there was a old panel van.

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00:20:38,320 --> 00:20:40,400

To the left of that was a tent.

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00:20:40,440 --> 00:20:43,160

To the left of the tent, there was a very attractive girl

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00:20:43,160 --> 00:20:46,800

sitting there by herself.

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00:20:46,800 --> 00:20:48,160

Her hair was done up.

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00:20:48,160 --> 00:20:49,880

It was curly and long.

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00:20:49,880 --> 00:20:52,200

She appeared to have makeup on.

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00:20:52,200 --> 00:20:55,400

She was looking down, and she very slowly raised her head,

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00:20:55,400 --> 00:20:56,360

and we had eye contact.

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00:21:02,040 --> 00:21:03,520

What's your problem, man?

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00:21:03,520 --> 00:21:04,520

What's your problem?

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00:21:04,520 --> 00:21:07,240

Yeah, look at it, man.

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00:21:07,240 --> 00:21:10,960

Jeff's side trip has suddenly taken a frightening turn.

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00:21:10,960 --> 00:21:13,200

What's your problem, man?

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00:21:13,200 --> 00:21:14,200

Get out of here!

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00:21:14,200 --> 00:21:15,200

Get out of here!

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00:21:15,200 --> 00:21:16,200

Please, please!

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00:21:16,200 --> 00:21:17,200

Get out of here!

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00:21:22,200 --> 00:21:24,320

I never thought about calling the police,

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00:21:24,320 --> 00:21:26,440

nor did I think that these guys were really dangerous

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00:21:26,440 --> 00:21:28,120

to anybody I thought they were being

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00:21:28,120 --> 00:21:29,240

protective of their camp.

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00:21:29,360 --> 00:21:36,240

March 3, 1993, just over a year later,

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00:21:36,240 --> 00:21:38,240

the Los Angeles County Coroner was

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00:21:38,240 --> 00:21:40,280

called to investigate a possible murder

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00:21:40,280 --> 00:21:42,640

site in the Angeles Forest.

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00:21:42,640 --> 00:21:44,640

The partial set of skeletal remains

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00:21:44,640 --> 00:21:47,640

had been found approximately 50 yards from the spot where

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00:21:47,640 --> 00:21:51,640

Jeff had seen the young blonde woman.

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00:21:51,640 --> 00:21:54,240

When the coroner checked dental records of missing persons

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00:21:54,240 --> 00:21:56,240

in the Los Angeles County Coroner,

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00:21:56,240 --> 00:21:58,240

he found a match.

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00:21:58,240 --> 00:22:01,240

The remains were identified as those of 20-year-old Kimberly

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00:22:01,240 --> 00:22:05,240

Pandelios, who had disappeared a year before.

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00:22:05,240 --> 00:22:08,240

It was a tragic end to a promising young life.

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00:22:11,240 --> 00:22:13,240

Kimberly and her parents had immigrated from Cuba

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00:22:13,240 --> 00:22:15,240

when she was eight.

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00:22:15,240 --> 00:22:18,240

They settled in Pennsylvania, or at the age of 19,

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00:22:18,240 --> 00:22:20,240

Kimberly married.

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00:22:20,240 --> 00:22:23,240

In 1991, she and her husband, along with her real husband,

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00:22:23,240 --> 00:22:26,240

moved to Northridge, California.

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00:22:26,240 --> 00:22:28,240

Kimberly started taking business courses

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00:22:28,240 --> 00:22:30,240

and worked part-time as a model.

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00:22:33,240 --> 00:22:38,240

Kimberly was a beautiful human being.

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00:22:38,240 --> 00:22:42,240

She was loved by everybody in the family,

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00:22:42,240 --> 00:22:49,240

and she was so sweet, so kind.

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00:22:50,240 --> 00:22:55,240

The very end of her life, I don't want even to think about it.

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00:22:59,240 --> 00:23:01,240

After the remains were identified,

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00:23:01,240 --> 00:23:04,240

Kimberly's story was covered extensively on the local news.

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00:23:04,240 --> 00:23:09,240

By coincidence, Jeff, the off-road enthusiast, was watching.

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00:23:09,240 --> 00:23:13,240

TV was on, and I said, that's the girl.

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00:23:13,240 --> 00:23:16,240

That's the girl I saw sitting there.

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00:23:17,240 --> 00:23:20,240

In my mind, there's no doubt that the girl on TV

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

was the same I saw on the camp, same girl.

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00:23:27,240 --> 00:23:31,240

Jeff immediately contacted the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department

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00:23:31,240 --> 00:23:35,240

and accompanied two deputies to the spot where he had seen Kimberly.

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00:23:35,240 --> 00:23:38,240

But far too much time had passed.

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00:23:38,240 --> 00:23:40,240

There was not a single clue

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

of the strange disappearance and death of Kimberly Pandelios.

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00:23:47,240 --> 00:23:52,240

How would Kimberly come to be in that remote area of the Angeles National Forest?

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00:23:52,240 --> 00:23:55,240

Who were the three men Jeff had seen with her?

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00:23:55,240 --> 00:23:59,240

Even though the coroner could not determine the exact cause of Kimberly's death,

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00:23:59,240 --> 00:24:02,240

law enforcement now had no choice.

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00:24:02,240 --> 00:24:05,240

What had begun a year earlier as a missing person's case

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

had become a probable murder investigation.

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00:24:09,240 --> 00:24:15,240

February 28, 1992.

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00:24:15,240 --> 00:24:19,240

The day before Jeff saw Kimberly in the makeshift camp,

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00:24:19,240 --> 00:24:23,240

a burned-out car was found near the Maudy Crystal Campground section

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00:24:23,240 --> 00:24:25,240

of the Angeles National Forest.

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00:24:27,240 --> 00:24:31,240

The fire was started in the passenger compartment

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00:24:31,240 --> 00:24:34,240

on the passenger side of the front seat.

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00:24:35,240 --> 00:24:39,240

We were able to determine that the front seat was pulled forward

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00:24:39,240 --> 00:24:44,240

in a position that would be as if she drove to that location.

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00:24:46,240 --> 00:24:50,240

Investigators found the charred remains of a spiral notebook in the car,

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00:24:50,240 --> 00:24:52,240

but little else.

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00:24:52,240 --> 00:24:54,240

They ran a DMV check on the plates

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00:24:54,240 --> 00:24:56,240

but could not reach Kimberly's husband.

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00:24:56,240 --> 00:25:00,240

By the time they did locate him, he had reported Kimberly missing,

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00:25:00,240 --> 00:25:04,240

but a search of the area turned up no further clues.

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00:25:09,240 --> 00:25:12,240

Three weeks later, however, a second notebook,

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00:25:12,240 --> 00:25:14,240

this one, Kimberly's Dayrunner,

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00:25:14,240 --> 00:25:17,240

was found under a bridge two miles away from the car.

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00:25:17,240 --> 00:25:21,240

The two hikers whose thumbed out had turned it into authorities,

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

but the dayrunner yielded neither fingerprints nor other clues.

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00:25:26,240 --> 00:25:28,240

Rita, did you talk to Kimberly on Thursday?

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00:25:28,240 --> 00:25:31,240

Apparently, a third notebook is still unaccounted for him.

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00:25:31,240 --> 00:25:34,240

The day after Kimberly was reported missing,

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00:25:34,240 --> 00:25:36,240

her son's babysitter told investigators

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00:25:36,240 --> 00:25:41,240

that a man named Paul had telephoned for Kimberly the day she disappeared.

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00:25:41,240 --> 00:25:42,240

Do you know Paul?

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00:25:42,240 --> 00:25:46,240

No, but this Paul called about two o'clock in the afternoon.

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00:25:46,240 --> 00:25:50,240

He said he had an appointment with Kimberly and he wanted to confirm it.

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00:25:50,240 --> 00:25:51,240

Did he leave a phone number with you?

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00:25:51,240 --> 00:25:52,240

No.

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00:25:52,240 --> 00:25:54,240

What happened after that?

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00:25:54,240 --> 00:25:57,240

Well, this Paul called again about 7 p.m.

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00:25:57,240 --> 00:26:00,240

Kimberly still wasn't home.

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

He said she left her appointment book when she met with him.

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00:26:05,240 --> 00:26:09,240

The notebook that Paul has is probably the most valuable notebook.

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00:26:09,240 --> 00:26:15,240

That might have her appointments or contacts for later that day.

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00:26:16,240 --> 00:26:21,240

There's a possibility that Kimberly went up into the mountains to meet someone,

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00:26:21,240 --> 00:26:23,240

and that appointment might be in her book.

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00:26:25,240 --> 00:26:29,240

Kimberly had told her husband that she was scheduled to do an outdoor photo shoot.

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00:26:29,240 --> 00:26:34,240

Authorities believe she responded to an ad in a local newspaper.

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00:26:35,240 --> 00:26:39,240

A theory is that she drove to that location by herself

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00:26:39,240 --> 00:26:42,240

and met someone to do an outdoor shoot,

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00:26:42,240 --> 00:26:49,240

and that once she was there, she was taken off the road back into the area

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00:26:49,240 --> 00:26:51,240

that she was ultimately found.

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00:26:52,240 --> 00:26:53,240

Hi, I'm Kimberly.

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00:26:54,240 --> 00:26:55,240

Ready for a little walk?

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00:26:56,240 --> 00:26:57,240

Come on, let's go!

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00:26:58,240 --> 00:26:59,240

Come on!

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00:27:05,240 --> 00:27:07,240

I think she was there for at least a day and a half.

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00:27:07,240 --> 00:27:11,240

From Thursday late afternoon, all day Friday,

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00:27:11,240 --> 00:27:13,240

and at least through noon on Saturday.

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00:27:17,240 --> 00:27:19,240

It was just past noon on Saturday

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00:27:19,240 --> 00:27:22,240

when Jeff happened upon the makeshift campsite.

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00:27:24,240 --> 00:27:25,240

I'm sorry.

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00:27:34,240 --> 00:27:37,240

In retrospect, she might have been drugged,

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00:27:37,240 --> 00:27:41,240

but she just had no idea if she would have cried out,

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00:27:41,240 --> 00:27:42,240

if she would have said something,

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00:27:42,240 --> 00:27:45,240

if she would have given me an indication she was in trouble.

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00:27:45,240 --> 00:27:48,240

Of course, I would have done something, but I didn't know.

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00:27:48,240 --> 00:27:53,240

It just gets to me that I didn't do something right then and there to help her.

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00:27:53,240 --> 00:27:58,240

This person basically died because of my inaction or my ignorance.

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00:28:02,240 --> 00:28:04,240

You can't bring the girl back,

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00:28:04,240 --> 00:28:08,240

but I would like justice to be done, of course.

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00:28:18,240 --> 00:28:23,240

When we return, a rare behind the scenes look at the unsung heroes of law enforcement,

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00:28:23,240 --> 00:28:25,240

coroner's investigators.

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00:28:49,240 --> 00:28:53,240

This is a story about the unheralded heroes of law enforcement.

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00:28:53,240 --> 00:28:56,240

When an accident or homicide victim goes unidentified,

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00:28:56,240 --> 00:28:59,240

it falls to investigators from the coroner's office

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00:28:59,240 --> 00:29:03,240

to find out who the John and Jane Doe's are and how they died.

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00:29:03,240 --> 00:29:07,240

More often than not, these investigators are successful,

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00:29:07,240 --> 00:29:11,240

solving unsolvable cases through a combination of medical expertise,

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00:29:11,240 --> 00:29:14,240

ingenuity, and compassion.

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00:29:19,240 --> 00:29:25,240

October 5, 1983, Seal Beach, California.

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00:29:25,240 --> 00:29:29,240

At dawn, two lifeguards discovered the body of a young boy

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00:29:29,240 --> 00:29:32,240

floating in a channel near the ocean.

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00:29:32,240 --> 00:29:34,240

The body was so badly decomposed

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00:29:34,240 --> 00:29:37,240

that it made identification impossible.

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00:29:40,240 --> 00:29:44,240

Coroner's investigator Joe Lucky was dispatched to the scene.

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00:29:44,240 --> 00:29:46,240

He found no evidence of the crime,

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00:29:46,240 --> 00:29:49,240

in fact, an autopsy would later determine

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00:29:49,240 --> 00:29:52,240

that the cause of death was accidental drowning.

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00:29:52,240 --> 00:29:57,240

But who the boy was and where he had come from posed a baffling mystery.

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00:29:57,240 --> 00:30:01,240

It looked like one of those cases that might never be solved.

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00:30:03,240 --> 00:30:07,240

It takes a while sometimes to get over the fact

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00:30:07,240 --> 00:30:10,240

that you can't identify these people.

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00:30:10,240 --> 00:30:13,240

You tend to think about your life,

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00:30:13,240 --> 00:30:17,240

you tend to think about your own families

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00:30:17,240 --> 00:30:22,240

and know that there's somebody out there who's missing a relative,

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00:30:22,240 --> 00:30:25,240

somebody, but we don't know who.

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00:30:27,240 --> 00:30:29,240

Joe Lucky was used to long odds,

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00:30:29,240 --> 00:30:32,240

and this case would challenge all of his skills.

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00:30:32,240 --> 00:30:34,240

Joe sent a description of the boy

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00:30:34,240 --> 00:30:37,240

to every law enforcement agency in the immediate area.

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00:30:37,240 --> 00:30:40,240

Only one possible match turned up,

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00:30:40,240 --> 00:30:43,240

a boy who had disappeared from Fullerton, California.

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00:30:43,240 --> 00:30:47,240

But Fullerton was 16 miles from where the body was discovered.

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The boy is missing here in Fullerton.

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Joe Lucky met with the boy's parents.

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They told him that their son had vanished

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shortly after leaving for a neighborhood park.

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I went over to the park and I found that there was a flood control channel

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right adjacent to the park.

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I also discovered that because of the rainfall the day he's missing,

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that the flood control district had opened a local dam

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which is above that area and allowed the overflow to come through that channel,

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raising it approximately six feet higher than normal.

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The mystery had been solved.

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Tragically, the young boy had fallen into the flood channel

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and swept 16 miles to the ocean.

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Blood samples would later provide a positive identification.

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A corner is probably a good mixture of being a surgeon,

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a detective and an attorney.

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Every day is a challenge.

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It's new.

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It's a little bit of detective work all the time.

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Colin Ellenberg has worked on literally thousands of cases.

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Some take months of painstaking research and legwork.

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Others are solved solely on the basis of one small piece of evidence.

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That was a case with an unidentified murder victim in 1985.

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Checking his clothing items for possibly a name inside,

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we came upon a buckle that was unique and had the name of a company

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that manufactures drill bits in Alaska for oil wells on this buckle.

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Yes, the phone number for the Anchorage drill bit company.

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We were able to call this company,

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determine that the buckle in fact was an award given to the employee of the year,

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only given out for about five years.

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And with that information, we were able to identify the deceased individual.

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But some cases remain unsung even after years of investigation.

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One in particular has haunted Colin Ellenberg since May 18th, 1987.

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That morning, the body of a woman in her early twenties

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was found at the base of a steep cliff in Dana Point, California.

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What do you got?

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Got a girl apparently fell off the cliff.

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Any ID on her?

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Got a unit up top, but we don't have much more than that.

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The woman had apparently plunged to her death sometime during the night.

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We weren't sure at that point if it was an accident or intentional

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or if she had been pushed.

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I went to the top of the cliff and there I found a small purse,

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a half consumed soda and a map of Southern California.

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Hardly the purse had no other contents,

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but the map held a clue which would lead Colin to the person

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who may have last seen the young woman alive.

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There was a phone number on the map.

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The phone number was that of a cab company,

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and the cab company was contacted and they indicated they had a fare

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picked up from the area and dropped off at the area of the Dana Point Cliffs

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at about three or four that morning.

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When Colin interviewed the cab driver,

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he described a woman who fit the Dana Point Jane Doe to a T.

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You the lady called for a cab?

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Yeah.

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Can you take me to Ross Towers and Laguna Beach?

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Sure, no problem.

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Can you tell me how much that's going to be?

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That'll be twenty bucks.

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I only have eighteen.

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Can you take me as far as that'll go?

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Yeah, sure, get in the back.

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The only thing the taxi driver said was that she had very little to say other than that.

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She was very quiet and he didn't notice anything really unusual about her.

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The meter says eighteen bucks, man.

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That's the best I can do.

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Thank you.

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Good night.

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Goodbye.

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The next morning, the young woman's body would be found at the base of the cliff.

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She was five feet eight inches tall and weighed one hundred and twenty-seven pounds.

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She had light brown eyes,

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and was wearing what appeared to be secondhand clothing.

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At the time of her death in 1987,

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she would have been approximately twenty years old.

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This is the first Jane Doe that I've had that I was unable to identify.

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And I've continued to work this case to today and occasionally a new lead will come in

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and I'll follow up, but all to this date have been unsuccessful.

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There isn't a week that I don't go by the point without thinking about this lady.

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I want to identify her and find out who she is and who she belongs to.

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Despite the sophisticated missing persons computer systems available today,

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thousands of John and Jane Doe's across the country remain unidentified.

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Here are three of them.

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This is a composite drawing of a young woman who in 1990 was struck by a car

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and killed along the Pacific Coast Highway in Huntington Beach, California.

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She was in her early twenties,

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five feet four inches tall and weighed approximately 125 pounds.

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She had dark brown hair, brown eyes, and severe acne scars.

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Among the objects found in the woman's possession were a hotel key

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and a ring made of human hair.

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In 1976, a young couple was found shot to death

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on a remote road in Sumter County, South Carolina.

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The man was approximately 20 years old, six feet tall, and weighed around 150 pounds.

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He had extensive dental work which included bridges and crowns.

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He was wearing an expensive boulevard acutron watch

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and a ring inscribed on a black and white shirt.

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He had an expensive boulevard acutron watch

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and a ring inscribed with the initials J-P-F.

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The woman appeared to be in her late teens.

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She was five feet five inches tall, approximately 100 pounds,

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with two distinct moles on the left side of her face.

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She was wearing three handmade Mexican or Indian style rings.

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Next, the family's 50-year search for a young airman lost during World War II.

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In 1943, at the height of World War II, an American B-24 bomber

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in a non-combat mission went down over North Africa.

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The entire crew was lost.

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Among the victims were these three men,

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Sylvan Lazarus, Carl Cobb, and Bernard Brady.

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For some 50 years, they have been the focus of a perplexing, unsolved mystery.

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Three months after the crash,

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a Baltimore newspaper ran this photograph

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of four American prisoners of war being interrogated by a German officer.

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Inexplicably, three of the prisoners were positively identified

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by their families as Lazarus, Cobb, and Brady.

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Perhaps someone watching can help the families of these men

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finally put their sons to rest.

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Christmas of 1943 was a time of sorrow

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for the Lazarus family of Baltimore, Maryland.

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On December 14, they learned that their eldest son, Sylvan,

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an American airman, was missing in action.

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Three weeks later, the family's worst nightmare was the death of a man

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who was missing in the family's worst nightmare came true.

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Dad?

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It's your brother.

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His dad.

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Sylvan's brother Arnold was 17 years old at the time.

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I didn't say.

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We were devastated, absolutely devastated.

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I mean, my brother was such a great guy.

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Everybody, very, very outgoing, family-oriented.

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And to lose somebody like that is devastating.

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There's no other word I could use.

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According to government records, on December 8, 1943,

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Sylvan and 13 other men boarded a B-24 Liberator bomber

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in the eastern coast of Africa.

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The plane was bound for Casablanca, Morocco

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and reportedly crashed in the Atlas Mountains near the city of Taroudan.

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Military officials reported that Sylvan Lazarus and the other victims

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were later buried in a mass grave.

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Three months passed.

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The Lazarus family tried to cope with the loss of Sylvan.

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They never received any of his personal effects, not even his dog tags.

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Then on March 17, 1944,

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the mysterious photograph appeared in the Baltimore Mirror.

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The family's grief turned first to confusion, then to hope.

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Oh my, Samuel. What does it say?

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The prisoners of Germany captured after their planes were shot down

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over the Third Reich during recent obliteration bombing raids.

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We were shocked.

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I mean, there was no question about it that one of the airmen was definitely

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my brother. His eyes, his posture,

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the way he stood in a certain way

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was definitely him, definitely.

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Was it possible the Sylvan Lazarus had survived?

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If so, it made no sense for him to be interrogated by a Nazi officer in North Africa.

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The Germans had been driven from the area more than seven months before the crash.

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Sylvan's father was convinced that there was much more to the story.

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He obtained the names of the 13 other crewmen killed in the accident

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and sent each of their families a copy of the photograph.

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Incredibly, Bernard Brady of New York and Carl Cobb of Cynthia, Kentucky

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were identified.

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My father wanted more answers,

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and he, uh, he wrote back and forth to the government.

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My father even contacted the Red Cross

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trying to get answers.

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But it was all in vain.

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Anything?

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No, nothing.

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They were first told that the crewmen were all buried

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in a common grave at the Casablanca European Cemetery.

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Later on, they were told that the men, their remains were dug up

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and reburied in Al Anan Cemetery in, I believe, Algeria.

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There was never any explanation given to my knowledge as to why the government did this.

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I am not really sure whether the government or the military knows exactly what happened.

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I have my own theories.

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Unfortunately, I don't have proof.

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The Lazarus family now believes a Sylvan's plane may have been shot down

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during a secret mission behind German lines in Europe, not in Africa.

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They also believe that some of the crewmen managed to parachute to safety,

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only to be taken prisoner by the Nazis.

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Sylvan and the others are most likely photographed

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while being interrogated about their mission.

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The Lazarus is fear that Sylvan may have been singled out because of his religion.

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My theory is great possibility that the Germans found out that my brother was Jewish.

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And I believe that they violated the Geneva Convention.

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By rights, he should have been put into a POW camp.

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But I don't believe that that happened.

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I believe that he was put into a concentration camp instead.

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This is from the War Department, the Adjutant General's Office,

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dated January 24, 1944.

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Although it has been 50 years since Sylvan Lazarus was last seen alive,

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his family continues a search for clues to his fate.

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In 1990, under the Freedom of Information Act,

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the Lazarus has obtained the original crew list from the National Archives.

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There were 14 names.

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My uncle Sylvan, Carl Cobb and Bernard Brady were among those names.

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And next to those three names were check marks and the numbers 1, 2 and 3.

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I've never gotten an explanation as to what those check marks and numbers meant.

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I feel very, very sad about one thing.

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That my parents went to their graves without knowing exactly what happened to my brother.

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Having seen the photograph, we cannot help but wonder what really happened to him.

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Couldn't have been killed in a crash.

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So what happened to him?

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That's what we want to find out.

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To our minds possess untapped psychic powers,

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can we move objects without touching them?

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Can we communicate clairvoyantly with the dead?

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New premonitions come true.

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Join me two weeks from tonight as we explore these intriguing questions

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on a special unsolved mysteries report, *Mysteries of the Psychic Mind*.

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