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Tonight on Unsolved Mysteries

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In Venice, California, a late-night trip to the corner store

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becomes a terrifying descent into an urban hell

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which ends in a brutal death for the son of a prominent television actor.

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When Millie McGregor got hopelessly lost in the wilderness,

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an army of highly trained searches was mobilized for the rescue effort.

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But they had no luck until a soft-spoken cowboy,

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guided by a mysterious vision, came riding along.

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For years, Tim Harrell was told he'd been abandoned by his birth mother,

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left as an infant in a garbage can.

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Too late, Harrell learned that the tale had been a tragic misguided deception

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concocted by his adoptive mother.

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And in one of our most bizarre cases,

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a self-styled preacher allegedly brainwashes a young farmer

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and turns him into a virtual prisoner in his own home.

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Join me. Perhaps you hold the key.

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Perhaps you may be able to solve one of tonight's unsolved mysteries.

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Actor Dennis Cole has appeared in dozens of television shows,

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like The Young and the Restless, Phantasy Island, and The Fall Guy.

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If life was scripted like a Hollywood movie,

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Dennis's only son, Joe, might have followed in his footsteps.

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But Joe Cole died unexpectedly, barely out of his 20s.

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I have like 29 years of remembering my childhood,

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like 29 years of remembering, of doing all of these things.

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I mean, I was a kid. I was a teenager when he was born.

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It's not a day that goes by that I don't think about him.

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You know, we've always shared things.

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It's like I've done a lot of new things,

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and it's like I have no one to call up and say,

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hey, Joe, guess what happened here?

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And he would do the same thing with me.

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I mean, it's like a part of your heart was just taken and pulled out.

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There is no good way to lose a child.

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Sudden random violence is one of the worst.

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An unknown gunman shot Joe Cole during a holdup that netted less than \$50.

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He was murdered in front of his home in Venice, California,

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near one of the most violent sections of Los Angeles.

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But Venice hides its troubles well.

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Indeed, this beachfront suburb is a scene of a year-round street party.

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For decades, the area has been home to writers, artists and musicians.

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Joe Cole, an actor and a photographer, fit right in.

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In Venice, Joe Cole set himself the task of documenting

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the plight of homeless Vietnam veterans.

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Cole was helped by his longtime friend Henry Rollins,

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a writer and lead singer of the Rollins band.

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Those men you see talking to themselves, standing next to pay phones on streets,

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he would bond with these people.

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Where they wouldn't give you the time of day, they would tell the story of their lives to Joe.

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Joe Cole was murdered before he could complete the work.

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At the time, he and Rollins were renting a house just outside Oakwood,

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the toughest part of Venice.

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Looking back, Rollins was killed.

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Rollins has a less than innocent view of life on the edge.

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You get in your little rituals when you live in a community.

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You go, you know, wash days, Friday, chicken on Sunday, all that.

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And for a predator, for a robber, this is what they go on.

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They need habit.

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What do you mean? It's a great flick.

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It was Rollins and Cole's habit to shop at Null Night Grocery Store, a block from their house.

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Their visit on December 19, 1991 was forgettably ordinary

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until they got to within 50 feet of their front door.

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Get home, Cabby. Come on.

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Get back down.

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Don't look at me. Don't look at me.

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Within one second, you are going from the 90 millionth trip to the grocery store home

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to two guns in your face.

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And, you know, your reality changes very abruptly.

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Don't look at me.

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Everything seemed to go very slowly and time seemed to kind of hover.

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One robber shoved Rollins to his knees.

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The other forced Joe Cole face down on the ground.

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The guy who was on me said, if you yell or if you scream, I'm going to blow your head off.

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And I said, OK.

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You yell you scream. OK?

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What zoomed through my mind was, if I speak loud, the gun will go off.

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And if I whisper, maybe it won't.

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And the gun is very delicate and has a life of its own.

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And if I'm cool, maybe it won't jump out and bite me.

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40 bucks.

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This is it. This is all you got? This is all you got? Yes. Yes.

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Get up. Get up. Let's get him in the house.

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Go in your house. Go in your house. Get the bag. Get the bag. Get the bag.

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Get the bag. Get the bag. Put your hands down.

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Everybody go notes.

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Anybody home?

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My roommate's home. He's watching TV.

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I lied, hoping they would go, oh, people in the house, we better get out of here.

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But that didn't bother him at all.

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I'm trying to come up with some kind of way to get us out of this.

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Because it's not as if you're going to go for some movie stunt like grabbing the gun and wrestling around.

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That's, you know, that's fiction.

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At that moment, what I thought was going to happen was we were going to be marched into the house and executed while they robbed the place at their leisure.

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I heard feet scuffling on the front porch.

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And then I heard gunshots.

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And I remember standing there very, you know, perfectly still with my hands up for a couple of seconds afterwards,

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thinking how strange gunshots sounded inside this room as they, the sound ricocheted around the walls.

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And then my legs took off.

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But I did not know the state that Joe was in.

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I didn't even hardly remember leaving the house.

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All of a sudden I was at a phone and I called the police and told them what I thought had happened.

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Sixty pounds, truffy.

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Though the police arrived within minutes, Joe Cole was already dead and the killers had melted into the night.

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My partner and myself have put in thousands of hours interviewing hundreds and hundreds of people.

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Our investigation has led us to believe that the suspects probably live in the awkward community.

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Criminals always talk. They talk to other people.

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Somebody knows something out there that happened to Joe Cole.

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When someone dies in this way, it's not just the loss of a life.

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There's a mother. There's a father.

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And then all of us, the friends who lost this fantastic person.

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And you never recover from it all the way.

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You always carry something in you and it breaks you year after year.

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As mutilated a concept as the death of a man,

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mutilated a concept as justice is in this country

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and how it only seems to benefit a certain skin color and a certain economic place in America,

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real justice is a pretty righteous thing and I'd like to see it done and exacted on these individuals.

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The only justice that can be done here is to get those guys or guy off the street

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so they don't do it to your friend or your sister or your parent or your child.

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In a moment, Keely Shea Smith joins us with the latest news from the Phone Center.

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Also a federal journalist needs your help to unlock the secrets of his past.

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Tonight we have a heartwarming update to one of our most poignant lost love cases.

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Perhaps you remember the story.

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A few days after Christmas in 1961, a diesel engine rumbled out of Dallas, Texas and headed west.

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Nearly 200 miles down the line in Abilene, Texas, Darlene Alfano and a friend

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gathered up their children for a trip into town.

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The train reached Abilene at the same time as the two mothers and their children.

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Inexplicably, their car came to a sudden dead stop at the railroad crossing.

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The accident killed three children and one of the mothers.

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That anyone at all came out of the wreckage alive seemed a miracle.

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Fred Alfano, a U.S. Army Sergeant, lost his wife and two of his daughters in the crash.

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His third child, Ladonna, suffered massive head injuries.

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What happened to Mommy?

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Mommy's an angel.

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Is he really an angel, Daddy?

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He sure is.

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Over the years, Ladonna endured a succession of operations that gradually rebuilt her face.

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But of course, nothing could restore her sisters or her mother, Darlene.

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I have no memories of my mother at all.

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I look at pictures of her and I try to remember something.

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It's like looking at a magazine article of a woman.

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My father has told me stories about us as children with my mom

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and it doesn't bring back any memories whatsoever.

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None whatsoever.

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Ladonna's only hope of finding her mother's family rested with his 28-year-old snapshot of her mother's sister, Patricia Hintz.

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Keely was at the phone center as the dramatic story unfolded.

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Bob, the night of our broadcast, Ladonna's search came to a glorious end.

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In fact, it was more successful than she ever dared hope for.

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Not only did she find her Aunt Patricia, but she located her maternal grandparents as well.

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Before the evening was out, plans were underway for a long overdue family reunion.

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A few weeks later, Ladonna was pulling up to her Aunt Pat's house in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

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Hi.

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Hi.

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Ladonna.

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Hi.

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Hi.

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Oh, my God.

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Oh, you're just quaking.

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Don't cry.

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Thank you.

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So do you.

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It's totally changed my life.

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Do you believe it?

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Yeah, I believe it.

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I'm just finding them, then they're great people and they're beautiful.

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I just feel totally, that whole, the empty hole is totally filled.

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She lost her mother.

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I lost my sister.

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And it's just like she found another mother and I found a new sister.

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And I just feel like we're just connected.

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I really do.

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How's the children's life, Dad?

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Ladonna's first visit with her grandparents in more than three decades made the reunion complete.

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I can't even express it.

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I just really cannot express how I feel.

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There's just too many emotions going on here and it's just a wonderful, wonderful feeling.

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It's just, it's great.

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I just feel like I'm, I just feel really like I'm at home.

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It's really great.

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DJ, from LA.

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Hi.

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Ladonna's joyous rediscovery of her mother's family was tempered by an unexpected loss.

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Two days after the reunion, Ladonna's grandfather Stanley Hintz passed away.

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He was 86 years old.

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Tim Harrell, a news producer at Los Angeles television station, is a veteran journalist,

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a man whose 30-year career has earned him numerous awards and commendations.

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Tim has covered thousands of stories, but for the last six years, one story has been a priority.

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Now Tim Harrell needs your help.

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Hi Bill.

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Tim Harrell over at Channel 13 News.

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It's so frustrating to know that here I am.

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I can go out and get good stories.

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I can break stories.

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I can do great interviews.

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I can get nominated for Emmys.

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I can win awards, but I can't find my mother.

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Tim was raised by a woman named Helen Harrell.

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She never made a secret of the fact that Tim was adopted,

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and she never shielded him from the near tragic circumstances that she said brought him to her in 1947.

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She told me that she had found me abandoned in a garbage can behind Barnes Hospital in St. Louis

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before she worked as a nurse, and that when she found me, I was very sick.

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I had a birth defect known as a cleft palate and a hair lip.

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I had a very bad heart.

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I had a very bad heart.

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I was very sick.

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I had a birth defect known as a cleft palate and a hair lip.

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And she took me in and had a plastic surgeon repair that.

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I also had rheumatic fever, which was a heart problem where I had a heart murmur as well.

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And she took care of that.

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Helen managed to adopt the baby at a time when single parenthood was almost unheard of.

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Somehow she was able to cut through the red tape.

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She always was concerned that there was never a male force in my life,

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so she made sure I was in military school.

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She made sure I was in the YMCA.

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She made sure I was in Little League, and she went to these things with me.

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I mean, she went to the Little League games with me.

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She went to the YMCA with me.

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She took the role of being father and mother.

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Mom, I'm going to be a news reporter when I grow up.

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Inevitably, however, the day came when Tim wanted to know more about his past.

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Mom?

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Yes?

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What happened to my mother?

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What on earth are you talking about?

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I'm your mother.

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I mean, what happened to my real mother?

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Timmy, your mother was not a good mother.

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She and your father were low class.

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Trashy.

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Her favorite term for them was white trash.

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No way of taking care of you.

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I just hated my birth mother.

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I thought, my God, how could a human being just throw away a baby,

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particularly one who had a physical defect,

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and just throw them in the garbage like it was a piece of garbage?

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I mean, that just gnawed away at me.

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And as I got into journalism, as I did stories about mothers who abandon their children,

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I always lumped my birth mother in with them.

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And they were always usually people that were low class,

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that had no caring for their children,

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and I would always identify my birth mother with those people.

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By 1976, Tim was on staff at the Los Angeles Herald Examiner.

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He was married and had a son of his own.

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That summer, Tim received a phone call that haunts him to this day.

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May I speak to Tim Herald?

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Speaking. Who's calling?

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00:18:01,000 --> 00:18:03,000

This is your mother.

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00:18:03,000 --> 00:18:06,000

Excuse me? What are you talking about? My mother's at home.

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This is your mother. Your real mother.

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It came right out of the blue like a bolt of lightning.

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I mean, I've been through riots, I covered things in Vietnam,

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but that just was the most emotional thing that I've ever had in my life to get that phone call.

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Don't you think it's a little late to suddenly be taking an interest in my life?

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I'm sorry about what I did to you, but there are things you don't understand.

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What I do understand is you left me to die in a trash can.

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All of a sudden, all the hatred just exploded.

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I said, how could you? How could you throw me away like I was a piece of garbage?

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How could you do that?

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And she said, well, you don't understand.

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00:18:48,000 --> 00:18:50,000

I said, I don't want to understand.

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I'd like to see my grandson.

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00:18:53,000 --> 00:18:56,000

There's no way you're ever going to see my son.

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00:18:56,000 --> 00:19:01,000

If you ever try to contact me or my son, I'll get a restraining order against you.

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00:19:01,000 --> 00:19:03,000

I don't know you a thing.

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00:19:03,000 --> 00:19:06,000

All the emotions just flowed out of me.

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The city editor who was working there looked at me and he says, my God, what's wrong?

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00:19:10,000 --> 00:19:13,000

You look like you've seen a ghost and I told him I have.

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She said she was living near San Jose and she wanted to meet Adam.

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How did she find you?

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Later that day, I told Helen about the phone call and she got hysterical.

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You're not going to try and see her, are you?

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Of course not.

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I have no interest in seeing her or my father.

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I told him to stay away from my family.

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Tim, promise me you will not try to find her.

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00:19:32,000 --> 00:19:34,000

She abandoned you when you were a baby.

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Nothing good could come out of you meeting her.

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Helen's reaction solidified Tim's decision not to allow his birth mother into his life.

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Six years later in 1983, Helen passed away.

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By then, Tim had divorced and his son had gone to live with Tim's ex-wife.

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It was a lonely time, a moment when Tim became acutely aware of how much family meant to him.

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In 1986, Tim married his second wife Denise, but he couldn't shake the feeling that something was missing.

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On a trip back to St. Louis in 1990, Tim and Denise tried to locate his birth mother through adoption records.

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I realize, Mr. Harold, that I'm not at liberty to divulge any information regarding your adoption.

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I don't know where else to go.

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I'm sorry, but it's the law.

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And she said, adoptions in Missouri are confidential.

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And we played sort of a game of 20 questions, if you will.

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She says, think Bay Area.

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I said, San Francisco.

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She says, no, a little further south.

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And I said, San Jose.

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She said, yes.

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00:20:45,000 --> 00:20:51,000

She says, think relative of your mother, of your adoptive mother.

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Couldn't think of who that would be.

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Does your mother have a sister?

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00:20:56,000 --> 00:21:01,000

Are you saying that my real mother was Helen's sister?

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00:21:01,000 --> 00:21:04,000

I'm not saying anything.

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00:21:04,000 --> 00:21:08,000

Listen, I'm going to go get a cup of coffee.

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00:21:08,000 --> 00:21:13,000

It seems silly to put this away, just to get it out again later.

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I'm going to be gone for about five minutes.

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In those five minutes, Tim learned Helen had lied about every detail of his birth.

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His birth mother was not some cold-hearted stranger who'd abandoned him in a garbage can.

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She was apparently Helen's own niece, and she had given Tim up only because she had to.

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She went through me like a jolt of electricity.

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The only thought in my mind was, I really wanted to find her now.

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I really wanted to say, look, I didn't know.

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And I am so sorry.

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00:21:56,000 --> 00:22:02,000

I am so sorry for what I said to you and how I acted to you.

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00:22:02,000 --> 00:22:06,000

Tim was deeply moved to learn that Helen's niece was only 18 when he was born.

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00:22:06,000 --> 00:22:09,000

Still almost a child herself.

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Tim's father had just gotten out of the army and was in no position to be both a husband and father.

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They gave Tim to Helen and bowed out of his life.

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It aches at my heart to know that I have a family out there, and I don't know who they are.

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I'm trying to look at a Muriel Kerouin.

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We may have lived in the St. Louis area back in 1947 or so.

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I have to find this woman.

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Even if it turns out that she has died, I want to go to the grave.

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I want to talk to her.

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I didn't give her an opportunity to explain.

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Here I am a journalist. I'm supposed to be fair.

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I'm supposed to be even-handed.

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I'm supposed to listen to both sides, and I would even give my real mother the opportunity to explain what happened.

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00:22:53,000 --> 00:23:01,000

To this day, I'm very worried that I don't have that opportunity.

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Coming up, when an elderly woman gets lost in the Sierra Nevadas, it seems that only a miracle can save her.

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But first, Dave Freeman poses a hard-working man of God, but when his employer turned up dead, Freeman emerged as a prime suspect.

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November 14, 1994, Folsom, West Virginia.

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Acting on an anonymous tip, police arrive at the house of a well-to-do farmer named Tim Good.

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The tip had come from an unlikely source, a would-be thief had broken in and found more than he bargained for.

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The caller had said, look in the basement.

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Police came across what appeared to be sparse living quarters.

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On the bed, a grisly discovery.

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The decomposed body of 37-year-old Tim Good.

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Good had been strangled and left undisturbed for over a year.

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Where the body was located, it was basically a dungeon or a cell, bare walls, concrete floor.

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Upstairs of the residence, it was lavishly furnished, hot tub jacuzzi, three large screen TVs, a wet bar.

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00:25:02,000 --> 00:25:06,000

It was very nice upstairs and it was a dungeon in the basement.

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00:25:06,000 --> 00:25:07,000

Pretty strange, huh?

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00:25:07,000 --> 00:25:08,000

Yes, where is?

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What's the story on this here?

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The investigation quickly revealed that someone had been living in the house almost the entire time the Tim Good's dead body had been in the basement.

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All of the air vents were sealed, no doubt to prevent odors from wafting upstairs.

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Then police uncovered volumes of diaries written by this man, who was known as Dave Freeman.

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It was Freeman's cryptic writings that would help authorities piece together the tragic demise of Tim Good.

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Tim Good owned and operated a 350-acre dairy farm in Collinsville, Pennsylvania.

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One of his workers was a young man named Gene Kennedy.

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Kennedy had come from a broken home and Tim was his unofficial guardian.

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When I first came to live with Tim, instead of making it feel like he was just giving it to me, it was like I was learning something.

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00:26:05,000 --> 00:26:11,000

You know, 13 years old, 50 bucks a week and being on your own in a place to live, that was pretty neat for me.

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The author of the diaries Dave Freeman hired on in 1987.

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At the time he went by the name Ben.

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I found some cooling in the oil pan.

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I'm going to re-take this filter off and see if it's contaminated.

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Within months, Freeman and his wife Eliza had moved into the main house with Tim and Gene.

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00:26:31,000 --> 00:26:36,000

Before you know it, it's... he was there. It's just how it was.

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00:26:36,000 --> 00:26:42,000

Tim never even hinted that he knew even like Ben. I think in the beginning he didn't.

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00:26:44,000 --> 00:26:49,000

Tim, I was wondering, I'm going to be leading a Bible study up at the house later this evening.

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00:26:49,000 --> 00:26:52,000

Thought you might like to come up and check it out.

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00:26:52,000 --> 00:26:54,000

By what time?

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Freeman was something of a self-styled preacher.

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Tim Good was estranged from his family and apparently turned to Freeman for spiritual guidance.

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00:27:02,000 --> 00:27:04,000

Thanks to help me out with other people.

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00:27:04,000 --> 00:27:15,000

Ben would have an unusual twist to the way he spoke with Tim, implying that he knew more than what most people did.

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And therefore Tim looked at him as being a very wise man.

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I think it started off that Tim thought he found somebody he could trust.

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You know, somebody that was pretty well educated that would more or less stick with him.

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00:27:28,000 --> 00:27:33,000

Instead, everybody else turned him away. And I think that's what Tim wanted and needed.

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But Freeman seemed to have his own agenda.

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00:27:40,000 --> 00:27:44,000

Gene Kennedy claims that Freeman began acting as if he owned the farm.

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00:27:45,000 --> 00:27:48,000

What are you doing? I told you don't come here until you call.

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00:27:48,000 --> 00:27:50,000

I live here too. Yeah, well you can't come in right now.

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00:27:50,000 --> 00:27:52,000

I'll be in and out, all right?

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00:27:52,000 --> 00:27:54,000

Look, my wife's asleep upstairs. You can't come in.

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00:27:54,000 --> 00:27:56,000

I'll be quiet.

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00:27:56,000 --> 00:27:59,000

Hey, what are you guys doing? Knock it off. Just back off then, okay?

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00:27:59,000 --> 00:28:02,000

My wife's asleep upstairs. I understand that, but he lives here too.

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00:28:03,000 --> 00:28:05,000

Okay? Yeah.

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00:28:06,000 --> 00:28:08,000

What's going on? Just forget about him, all right?

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00:28:08,000 --> 00:28:10,000

Come on, let's go inside.

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00:28:10,000 --> 00:28:12,000

Sure, it's all right. It's okay. Trust me. Come on.

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00:28:13,000 --> 00:28:18,000

When Ben showed up, it wasn't, I'd say, about a year after that Tim stopped dairy farming.

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00:28:18,000 --> 00:28:21,000

You know, you'd come down on the farm, there was no cows.

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00:28:21,000 --> 00:28:25,000

There was no calves, there was no dry stock. Everything was empty.

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00:28:25,000 --> 00:28:28,000

Tim looked at me one day and he said, you're going to hate me.

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

He says, I sold the farm.

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00:28:32,000 --> 00:28:36,000

He says, I got a million dollars for the farm.

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00:28:37,000 --> 00:28:40,000

Maybe a little more. And he'd laugh.

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00:28:40,000 --> 00:28:43,000

He thought that was really funny. He was real proud of himself.

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Tim turned around and bought another much smaller farm in West Virginia.

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Gene Kennedy stayed in Pennsylvania.

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00:28:52,000 --> 00:28:55,000

But Freeman and his family made the move with Tim.

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Oddly, Freeman was now calling himself Dave.

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00:29:03,000 --> 00:29:07,000

Hey, Tim, how about when you're done with that clearing some more of that land over by the fence?

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00:29:07,000 --> 00:29:09,000

Over by that big tree?

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00:29:09,000 --> 00:29:12,000

Yeah. And you know what? Come to think of it, when you're done with clearing that,

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00:29:12,000 --> 00:29:15,000

why don't you get some of that wood over there for kindling?

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00:29:15,000 --> 00:29:16,000

How much do you think we'll need?

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00:29:16,000 --> 00:29:19,000

Tim would be always out doing the work and Dave would always be at the house.

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00:29:19,000 --> 00:29:22,000

You know what it says, the man that doesn't work doesn't eat.

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It seemed more like Dave was the boss.

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Instead of Tim being the one that owned it, it seemed more like Dave was.

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The living arrangements reflected the strange role reversal.

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Freeman's diaries revealed that while he and his family lived comfortably upstairs,

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Tim Good became a virtual prisoner in the basement.

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Please bless this food and please watch over me.

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The diaries were very detailed.

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He indicated in the diaries what chores Timothy Good was to perform that day.

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He even indicated what Timothy Good was to eat that day, if he was allowed to eat that day.

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00:30:03,000 --> 00:30:08,000

Every aspect of Timothy Good's life was controlled by Dave Friedman.

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Every single day, Tim did something that would irritate or disgust Dave Friedman.

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Basically, Timothy Good couldn't do anything that's correct.

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00:30:35,000 --> 00:30:41,000

And everything that he did was a mistake or it wasn't God's way to do it.

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00:30:41,000 --> 00:30:44,000

God requires that you pray.

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When I first met Tim, he used to come to my house all the time.

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00:30:49,000 --> 00:30:52,000

We were every day seeing each other and talked every day.

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00:30:52,000 --> 00:30:54,000

We talked a lot about farming and stuff.

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00:30:54,000 --> 00:30:59,000

He was going to get his farm cleaned up and do a lot of work to it and everything.

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00:30:59,000 --> 00:31:04,000

But then at the end, Tim just started to stand away from me.

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00:31:05,000 --> 00:31:10,000

In fact, George Anderson did not see Tim Good or Dave Friedman for about a year.

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00:31:10,000 --> 00:31:12,000

He assumed they had left the area.

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Then one afternoon in October of 1994, a taxi cab came up the road,

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00:31:18,000 --> 00:31:21,000

headed for Tim Good's farm.

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My grandkids was out in the yard and they seen him and they started hollering at me

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00:31:26,000 --> 00:31:30,000

and I thought, well, I'm going to get Dave and Liza was back.

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00:31:30,000 --> 00:31:34,000

So I told them I was going up and talk to Dave and find out about Tim

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00:31:34,000 --> 00:31:37,000

because Tim had been going for about a year.

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00:31:40,000 --> 00:31:45,000

The road to the farmhouse is blocked by a fallen tree, so Friedman had gone up on foot.

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00:31:46,000 --> 00:31:48,000

Hey, George, how's it going, buddy?

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00:31:48,000 --> 00:31:50,000

How are you, man?

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00:31:50,000 --> 00:31:52,000

Oh, I was just up the house.

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00:31:52,000 --> 00:31:54,000

It looked like somebody broke in the back window.

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00:31:54,000 --> 00:31:55,000

I think he worked him was that.

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00:31:55,000 --> 00:32:00,000

He said he hadn't seen him for a long time and he had no idea.

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

But he said he had walked up to the house and somebody had broken the kitchen door

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00:32:05,000 --> 00:32:10,000

and he said he opened the door and looked in and he said that's as far as he went.

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00:32:10,000 --> 00:32:15,000

I believe that Dave Friedman came back to the Good Farm to remove the diaries

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00:32:16,000 --> 00:32:19,000

and I believe that they were surprised by the neighbors

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00:32:19,000 --> 00:32:22,000

and there's no way that he could have removed anything from the home

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00:32:22,000 --> 00:32:25,000

without the neighbors observing that.

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Later that day, George Anderson's son-in-law gave Friedman and his family a ride to Washington, D.C.

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He dropped them off at a service station along the Beltway.

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00:32:37,000 --> 00:32:40,000

They have not been seen since.

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00:32:42,000 --> 00:32:47,000

Two weeks later, police discovered the decomposed remains of Tim Good.

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Grocery receipts indicated that Friedman and his family had lived in the house

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00:32:52,000 --> 00:32:55,000

for approximately seven months after Good's death.

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They apparently left when they ran out of money.

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00:32:59,000 --> 00:33:03,000

Good's bank account, which had previously held almost a million dollars,

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00:33:03,000 --> 00:33:06,000

now contained less than two dollars.

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00:33:07,000 --> 00:33:12,000

Dave Friedman indicated in his diaries that Timothy Good questioned him about the money

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00:33:12,000 --> 00:33:17,000

and Dave Friedman was starting to realize that he didn't quite have the control

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00:33:17,000 --> 00:33:23,000

on Timothy Good that he had once had and I believe that that quite possibly led to his demise.

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Next, tragedy seemed inevitable when a massive search for a lost hiker yielded nothing.

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Then a quiet cowboy rode to the rescue, apparently spurred on by a divine vision.

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The Sierra Nevada's Northern California

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have changed little since the first pioneers came through 150 years ago.

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Today, the steep trails of the province of weekend explorers,

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like 63-year-old Millie McGregor,

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despite the fact that the first pioneers came through 150 years ago,

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today the steep trails of the province of weekend explorers,

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like 63-year-old Millie McGregor,

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00:34:23,000 --> 00:34:28,000

despite a mild heart condition, Millie thinks no more of an all-day 10-mile trek

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

than she would have strolled to the corner grocery store.

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00:34:33,000 --> 00:34:36,000

But when she set out on Labor Day in 1995,

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00:34:36,000 --> 00:34:41,000

Millie never expected she would take a wrong turn into a life and death ordeal,

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00:34:41,000 --> 00:34:45,000

and she certainly never expected a near-magical rescue.

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It seemed like it started off good, had a good trail,

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00:34:50,000 --> 00:34:53,000

and a ways back that trail split off to two places,

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and I'd picked out the one I thought I should go on.

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I was probably several hours, maybe more like three hours,

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beginning to climb, and I got chest pain.

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Perhaps it was the altitude, perhaps the exertion.

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For some reason, Millie's heart medication made her queasy and disoriented.

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Before she knew it, Millie was lost.

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The beautiful scenery now became a terrifying maze.

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As the sun went down, Millie began to realize

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she would be spending that night alone in the wild.

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I was kind of relieved knowing that I didn't have to hike anymore.

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I was worried that my husband would be worried,

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but other than that, it felt like I would be okay.

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That first night, it was terrible.

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I didn't get enough sleep at all that first night.

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I walked the floor and tried to watch a little TV, and I couldn't even do that.

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Search and rescue teams sprang into action the next morning,

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but an entire day in the wilderness yielded nothing, not a single clue.

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Millie faced another night in the bitter cold.

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I know the first night I spend a lot of time praying that my husband wouldn't worry.

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The next night, when I was still there, and I was cold, and I was thirsty,

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and I sort of said, well, at least, at least he's warm, he's got a coat.

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At least he has water, and I sort of started praying for myself that I would get out of there.

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Day two, concern was mounting.

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How many 30-degree nights could Millie survive?

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Authorities pulled out all the stops.

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Additional search teams and mounted patrols were recruited from neighboring counties.

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Helicopters equipped with infrared sensors took to the skies.

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But it was as if the earth had opened up and swallowed Millie McGregor.

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By the end of the second day, we still had no clue.

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No footprints, no drop clothing, no hits from the dog.

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There was no sign of Mildred.

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With an army of searchers unable to find Millie McGregor, it seemed a tragedy in the making.

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But no one counted on a soft-spoken cowboy named Randy Spears riding to the rescue.

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Randy lives in the area.

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However, he says that he was so busy that week, he wasn't aware that Millie was lost

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until the evening of the second day of searching.

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What's he going to use that for?

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Well, there's a lady that's lost up in Sisko Grove.

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She's been up there, lost, I think, for a couple, two or three days.

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And he's part of the search and rescue.

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There's a lady that's lost?

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Yeah.

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I don't know where she's at.

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Randy says it in his mind's eye.

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He envisioned the silhouette of a Sierra peak located around 50 miles from his ranch.

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Though he had never had any kind of psychic experience, Randy somehow knew,

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with absolute certainty, that he would find Millie on the mountain's southern slope.

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It just flashed like big screen TV.

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It was like, I got this picture of a mountain with my hand in front of it.

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And I said, I know right where she's at.

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It was something you didn't mess with.

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You know, you didn't doubt him.

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There was a real strong feeling around him.

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Even though it was well past midnight, Randy collected his friend Frank Smith

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and headed for the mountains.

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Coming close, we're getting there real close now.

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Randy just looks up there and goes, she's right up there.

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He put his hand up there and just pointed to her exactly in a certain area on the side of that mountain.

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He goes, she's right there.

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She's right there.

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Meanwhile, Millie hunkered down for a third night of withering coals.

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That night, I gathered up pine needles and just kind of put them all around what I could.

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I even put some in my hat, helped keep my head warm.

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I had an extra pair of socks, so I put those on my hands.

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Because of night was very, very long.

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It was like minute by minute.

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You know, the moon come up and you're watching, watching.

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Pretty soon the moon goes down and then it gets colder.

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When the moon goes down, it got dampish and it was cold, real cold.

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That night, Randy and Frank also slipped under the stars.

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They were up at the crack of dawn.

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First stop, the search command center.

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It was a little strange because they all kind of looked at us like, who are these guys?

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Because we didn't have the orange vests and all the fancy search gear that they had.

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There was just a couple of scruffy looking cowboys with long-eared mules.

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It was a job and it was just something that we were going to do.

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There was absolutely no guessing or anything.

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He knew where she was at and we're going to go get her.

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By now, Millie hadn't seen food or water for three days.

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I was not real strong at that time.

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I was shaky and it was like every step I prayed.

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And I kept picturing in my mind a glass of cold water and a bathtub.

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45 minutes of writing took the cowboys three miles from the command center.

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Randy says he sensed they were getting close to Millie.

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He and Frank separated to cover a wider area.

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Randy just kept going and I watched him go up.

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He was just on a light beam, just straight.

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I was kind of thinking, now what do I do?

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And I saw Randy coming up on the mule.

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Help! Help!

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And it was spectacular.

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Must be the lady that's lost.

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It was just like he appeared there like magic.

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Just unbelievable.

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I really needed that. Thanks a lot.

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Good to see you.

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I was amazed that she was after three days up there in that cold weather to see her standing up.

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I know three days out with myself out there would have darned sure been tough.

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And for a lady, she has a lot of spirit.

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Thanks to Randy's vision, Millie's harrowing brush with death ended in a triumphant ride down the mountain.

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At the command center, the sight of Millie and her rescuers created quite a stir.

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Most of the guys kind of stood around speechless thinking that that can't be Mildredge.

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We're still looking for her.

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We have a million dollars with her equipment out there and resources and she's coming back to camp on the back of a mule.

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I probably looked like I was a hundred years old, but I felt great.

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I don't know why it happened and why Randy was picked and Frank too and I pray for them because I think God used them.

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I don't know any other way of explaining it. I'm not even going to try because that to me feels right.

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Randy Spears, a quiet, unassuming cowboy, perhaps blessed with a vision that guided him through the wilderness straight to Millie McGregor.

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Some may call it luck, but to Randy and Millie, it was nothing less than a divinely inspired revelation.

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Next Friday marks the start of an all-new season here at Unsolved Mysteries.

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To an end with these intriguing cases.

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In the 1960s and 70s, an unknown killer called the Zodiac terrorized Northern California.

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In the 1980s and 90s, the infamous Unabomber terrorized the nation.

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Now a startling scenario. Could the Unabomber and the Zodiac be the same man?

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When young Trish Zumba was struck by a debilitating nerve disorder, doctors said only a miracle could save her from a lifetime of pain.

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And Trish believes one did.

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