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The End

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Tonight on Unsolved Mysteries

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00:00:08,000 --> 00:00:16,240

September 7th, 1996, gunfire erupts along the famous Las Vegas Strip, taking the life

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00:00:16,240 --> 00:00:19,400

of rap music star Tupac Shakur.

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00:00:19,400 --> 00:00:22,520

Today, disturbing questions haunt the investigation.

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00:00:22,520 --> 00:00:25,640

Why were Shakurs trusted bodyguards unarmed?

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00:00:25,640 --> 00:00:28,720

Why did the killer seem to target only Shakur?

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00:00:28,720 --> 00:00:33,240

Why was almost no one willing to talk?

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00:00:33,240 --> 00:00:36,160

They are snapshots of a different time and place.

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Virginia Burns always thought she was the baby in the pictures.

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00:00:40,000 --> 00:00:43,080

Then Virginia learned about her father's secret life,

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00:00:43,080 --> 00:00:47,920

and now she needs your help to find her long lost sister.

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00:00:47,920 --> 00:00:51,240

It is a phenomenon so bizarre that it defies belief.

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00:00:51,240 --> 00:00:55,600

Ordinary people suddenly and inexplicably bursting into flame.

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00:00:55,600 --> 00:00:58,240

Mainstream science says it can't happen.

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00:00:58,240 --> 00:01:01,800

But independent researchers insist that the evidence doesn't lie.

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00:01:01,800 --> 00:01:06,520

Spontaneous human combustion is real.

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00:01:06,520 --> 00:01:09,200

In Ohio, a quiet calm of a small community

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00:01:09,200 --> 00:01:11,640

is shattered when Becky Wood and her grandchildren

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00:01:11,640 --> 00:01:15,080

are terrorized by a pair of vicious armed robbers.

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00:01:15,080 --> 00:01:16,960

Now the intruders have been unmasked,

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00:01:16,960 --> 00:01:21,320

and authorities need your help to track them down.

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00:01:21,320 --> 00:01:25,240

Join me for another intriguing edition of Unsolved Mysteries.

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00:01:59,080 --> 00:02:04,400

End of Part when Equal War is Over

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00:02:04,400 --> 00:02:07,020

Hopefully this will bring a slow and lasting end to the war.

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00:02:10,200 --> 00:02:17,580

shift in opener history like watching a shark or swimming in water.

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00:02:22,580 --> 00:02:24,740

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00:02:24,740 --> 00:02:28,420

terror, the choking fear of being bound, assaulted,

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00:02:28,420 --> 00:02:31,480

and absolutely convinced that she and her four grandchildren

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00:02:31,480 --> 00:02:33,260

were going to die.

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00:02:33,260 --> 00:02:37,500

It happened in February of 1996, when two men, disguised

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00:02:37,500 --> 00:02:39,140

in masks, invaded her home.

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00:02:45,380 --> 00:02:47,100

It was 7 AM.

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00:02:47,100 --> 00:02:49,580

Becky's husband had just left for work.

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00:02:49,580 --> 00:02:51,460

The intruders seemed to know exactly what

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00:02:51,460 --> 00:02:52,380

they were looking for.

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00:02:55,380 --> 00:02:56,380

BAM!

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00:02:56,380 --> 00:02:57,380

BAM!

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00:02:57,380 --> 00:02:59,220

Open the door!

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00:02:59,220 --> 00:03:00,340

Open the safe!

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00:03:00,340 --> 00:03:03,900

When I first opened my eyes, I saw a man with blood

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00:03:03,900 --> 00:03:05,580

on the head and the eye.

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00:03:05,580 --> 00:03:08,780

And I thought, oh my god, I'm having this bad dream.

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00:03:08,780 --> 00:03:12,140

And then when he said it again, I knew it was for real.

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00:03:12,140 --> 00:03:13,140

Let's go!

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00:03:13,140 --> 00:03:14,620

Come on, Becky!

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00:03:14,620 --> 00:03:17,060

Becky's granddaughter was sleeping beside her,

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00:03:17,060 --> 00:03:19,140

and Becky thought to hide her with a blanket.

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00:03:19,140 --> 00:03:20,980

Move down the kitchen!

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00:03:20,980 --> 00:03:23,700

Three other children were asleep in different bedrooms.

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00:03:23,700 --> 00:03:25,220

Move, move into the kitchen.

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00:03:25,220 --> 00:03:26,020

Into the kitchen.

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00:03:26,020 --> 00:03:27,140

I never felt so helpless.

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00:03:27,140 --> 00:03:28,020

Get out, OK?

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00:03:28,020 --> 00:03:28,900

Take it off!

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00:03:28,900 --> 00:03:31,620

I was afraid for my grandchildren.

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00:03:31,620 --> 00:03:34,780

I kept praying to God, you know, please, let the children

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00:03:34,780 --> 00:03:35,900

sleep through this.

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00:03:35,900 --> 00:03:38,820

Don't let them wake.

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00:03:38,820 --> 00:03:41,100

The whole time he screamed, where's the combination?

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00:03:41,100 --> 00:03:42,660

Where's the combination?

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00:03:42,660 --> 00:03:43,620

Now the kitchen!

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00:03:43,620 --> 00:03:45,340

Ah!

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00:03:45,340 --> 00:03:47,860

Tell me the combination was safe.

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00:03:47,860 --> 00:03:48,740

Don't run away!

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00:03:48,740 --> 00:03:50,820

Give me the combination of safe!

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00:03:50,820 --> 00:03:53,380

And I tried to explain to them that I didn't know what

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00:03:53,380 --> 00:03:54,780

I didn't have it with me.

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00:03:54,780 --> 00:03:56,380

Could I please call my daughter?

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00:03:56,380 --> 00:03:57,860

I don't feel a thing!

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00:03:57,860 --> 00:03:58,860

Oh, my God!

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00:03:58,860 --> 00:03:59,860

Oh, my God!

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00:03:59,860 --> 00:04:01,340

I got the combination of safe!

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00:04:01,340 --> 00:04:02,340

Oh, my God!

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00:04:02,340 --> 00:04:03,340

Ah!

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00:04:03,340 --> 00:04:04,340

Ah!

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00:04:04,340 --> 00:04:05,340

Ah!

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00:04:05,340 --> 00:04:11,180

He kicked me in the head, and he kept telling me

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00:04:11,180 --> 00:04:14,020

that they would take the children.

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00:04:14,020 --> 00:04:16,740

I'd never see them again.

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00:04:16,740 --> 00:04:17,540

And I kept trying.

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00:04:17,540 --> 00:04:19,900

I swear I don't have the combination.

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00:04:19,900 --> 00:04:21,220

I swear I would open that.

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00:04:21,220 --> 00:04:22,380

I'd give it to you.

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00:04:22,380 --> 00:04:25,660

I don't have it.

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00:04:25,660 --> 00:04:28,100

Sounds of ransacking came from upstairs,

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00:04:28,100 --> 00:04:30,500

where the second intruder was looting Becky's dresser

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00:04:30,500 --> 00:04:32,980

of jewelry.

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00:04:32,980 --> 00:04:34,420

That's when nine-year-old Matthew

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00:04:34,420 --> 00:04:36,660

wandered out of his room.

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00:04:36,660 --> 00:04:38,660

Here we go, one up!

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00:04:38,660 --> 00:04:42,500

I don't really know how to explain what I felt.

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00:04:42,500 --> 00:04:47,220

Like, my heart just felt like it was just going to beep or something.

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00:04:47,220 --> 00:04:49,100

It was pounding real hard and all,

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00:04:49,100 --> 00:04:51,500

like, because I didn't know what it was.

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00:04:51,500 --> 00:04:57,540

He threw Matthew on the floor and put his hands behind him

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00:04:57,540 --> 00:04:58,940

and tied him up.

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00:04:58,940 --> 00:05:00,940

Bobby, let your keys out of here!

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00:05:00,940 --> 00:05:01,940

My purse!

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00:05:01,940 --> 00:05:02,940

My purse!

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00:05:02,940 --> 00:05:06,340

I saw the man's feet coming around in front of me.

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00:05:06,340 --> 00:05:12,820

And he took a trash bag and put it over my grandson's hand.

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00:05:12,820 --> 00:05:16,180

I thought they were going to take me out in this rug

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00:05:16,180 --> 00:05:17,660

and kill me.

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00:05:17,660 --> 00:05:19,260

And they were going to smother Matthew.

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00:05:19,260 --> 00:05:20,900

Don't say anything!

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00:05:20,900 --> 00:05:23,780

You count to 2,000 before you move or else we'll

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00:05:23,780 --> 00:05:24,980

be back to kill you!

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00:05:31,140 --> 00:05:35,220

Becky would heard the safe drag across the floor.

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00:05:35,220 --> 00:05:37,660

She heard her car starting, then silenced

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00:05:37,660 --> 00:05:39,700

as it was driven away.

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00:05:39,700 --> 00:05:43,580

One of the other children awoke and cut Becky and Matthew free.

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00:05:43,580 --> 00:05:46,060

Becky then discovered that the intruders had sliced

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00:05:46,060 --> 00:05:49,620

all the alarm and phone lines, neighbors, some and police.

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00:05:51,020 --> 00:05:53,100

In addition to stealing Becky's car,

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00:05:53,100 --> 00:05:56,620

the robbers had made off with \$20,000 worth of jewelry

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00:05:56,620 --> 00:05:59,580

and the locks safe containing the woods life savings,

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00:05:59,580 --> 00:06:04,180

another \$18,000 in cash.

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00:06:04,180 --> 00:06:09,180

Well, why they stole a lot of our possessions

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00:06:09,180 --> 00:06:12,260

that I'll never be able to replace.

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00:06:12,260 --> 00:06:13,420

I'm thankful we're alive.

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00:06:16,100 --> 00:06:19,020

That afternoon, police found Becky's 91 Lincoln

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00:06:19,020 --> 00:06:21,060

at a nearby car wash.

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00:06:21,060 --> 00:06:23,940

The safe turned up a week later, emptied of cash,

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00:06:23,940 --> 00:06:26,500

but yielding evidence it could help convict the robbers

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00:06:26,500 --> 00:06:29,380

once they were identified.

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00:06:29,380 --> 00:06:31,420

As police began to review the case,

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00:06:31,420 --> 00:06:33,860

the facts pointed to one conclusion.

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00:06:33,860 --> 00:06:35,420

The assailants had known exactly where

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00:06:35,420 --> 00:06:38,340

to find the wires for the home alarm system.

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00:06:38,340 --> 00:06:40,500

They knew just where the safe was kept.

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00:06:40,500 --> 00:06:43,460

They knew just where to look for Becky's jewelry.

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00:06:43,460 --> 00:06:45,700

They had known too much to be total strangers.

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00:06:45,700 --> 00:06:46,600

She's full.

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00:06:48,940 --> 00:06:52,660

I'd met back up again with Becky and her husband Woody.

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00:06:52,660 --> 00:06:55,460

We asked them to do something that was kind of difficult for them.

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00:06:55,460 --> 00:06:58,260

We asked them to sit down and start thinking about people

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00:06:58,260 --> 00:07:01,980

they knew and people that they've dealt with

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00:07:01,980 --> 00:07:03,420

and people that have worked for them

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00:07:03,420 --> 00:07:06,700

and put a list together for us.

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00:07:06,700 --> 00:07:08,940

It would prove to be a solid hunch

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00:07:08,940 --> 00:07:11,460

when the jewelry showed up at pawn shops in Pittsburgh

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00:07:11,460 --> 00:07:13,260

100 miles away.

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00:07:13,260 --> 00:07:15,460

Police there believed it had been sold by a man

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00:07:15,460 --> 00:07:17,740

named Larry Juster.

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00:07:17,740 --> 00:07:20,340

State computers yielded this photograph.

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00:07:20,340 --> 00:07:24,340

The information was relayed to Ohio.

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00:07:24,340 --> 00:07:25,860

Becky and her husband had left town

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00:07:25,860 --> 00:07:28,940

to recover some peace of mind after the robbery.

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00:07:28,940 --> 00:07:31,180

Their daughter offered to review the pawn shop

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00:07:31,180 --> 00:07:32,340

leads for local police.

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00:07:32,340 --> 00:07:34,340

Listen, there's a photograph I need to take a look at.

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00:07:34,340 --> 00:07:36,420

You wouldn't have been recognized, would you?

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00:07:36,420 --> 00:07:38,060

Yeah, it's Gary Noble.

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00:07:38,060 --> 00:07:38,820

Gary Noble?

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00:07:38,820 --> 00:07:39,540

Gary Noble.

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00:07:39,540 --> 00:07:40,820

It's not Larry Juster?

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00:07:40,820 --> 00:07:43,340

That's what the name says, but that's Gary Noble.

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00:07:43,340 --> 00:07:47,260

His brother Ted Noble worked for my dad a couple months ago.

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00:07:47,260 --> 00:07:49,620

Ted Noble had briefly worked for the Wood family

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00:07:49,620 --> 00:07:51,860

eight months prior to the robbery.

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00:07:51,860 --> 00:07:54,220

When Ted and his brother Gary found the detectives

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00:07:54,220 --> 00:08:00,060

were closing in, they fled Ohio and are still on the run.

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00:08:00,060 --> 00:08:01,900

We were given information that they

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00:08:01,900 --> 00:08:04,460

had made statements that they had no tension of being

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00:08:04,460 --> 00:08:08,660

taken alive if confronted by law enforcement.

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00:08:08,660 --> 00:08:11,140

The way we entered our warrants is with extreme caution

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00:08:11,140 --> 00:08:11,980

on the two of them.

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00:08:19,380 --> 00:08:22,820

The robbery has done something to us

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00:08:22,820 --> 00:08:26,700

that you don't really understand unless you

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00:08:26,700 --> 00:08:28,700

go through it yourself.

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00:08:28,700 --> 00:08:30,180

I don't have a gun.

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00:08:30,180 --> 00:08:30,680

Break out.

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00:08:30,680 --> 00:08:31,660

And open the safe.

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00:08:31,660 --> 00:08:33,140

Break out.

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00:08:33,140 --> 00:08:36,580

I'm angry with what I did to my grandchildren.

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00:08:36,580 --> 00:08:38,020

And I'm angry.

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00:08:38,020 --> 00:08:40,780

I am angry that the mountain that did this.

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00:09:02,380 --> 00:09:05,300

Coming up, he was one of rap music's most popular

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00:09:05,300 --> 00:09:07,020

and controversial stars.

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00:09:07,020 --> 00:09:09,860

Then he was gunned down by an unknown assailant who

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00:09:09,860 --> 00:09:12,500

killed Tupac Shakur.

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00:09:12,500 --> 00:09:14,940

But first, Virginia Burns always thought

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00:09:14,940 --> 00:09:16,700

she was an only child.

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00:09:16,700 --> 00:09:18,140

Then she learned that her father had

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00:09:18,140 --> 00:09:21,180

gone to his grave with the secret of an ill-fated romance

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00:09:21,180 --> 00:09:23,700

and a long-lost daughter.

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00:09:23,700 --> 00:09:25,980

And the heartwarming reunion of a young man

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00:09:25,980 --> 00:09:28,660

and the anonymous Good Samaritan who saved his life.

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00:09:37,380 --> 00:09:41,180

Wow.

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00:09:41,180 --> 00:09:42,180

Wow.

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00:09:42,180 --> 00:09:43,500

How big she is.

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00:09:43,500 --> 00:09:47,980

August 27, 1995 began as a joyous day for Stephen Sharon

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00:09:47,980 --> 00:09:50,260

Newton at Immokley, Florida.

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00:09:50,260 --> 00:09:54,780

That morning, their first child, Virginia, was born.

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00:09:54,780 --> 00:09:58,020

Steve had come to the hospital straight from work.

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00:09:58,020 --> 00:10:00,900

At around 2 PM, he headed home on his motorcycle

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00:10:00,900 --> 00:10:02,620

to pick up the family car.

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00:10:02,620 --> 00:10:04,060

He had no way of knowing.

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00:10:04,060 --> 00:10:06,180

He was on a collision course with disaster.

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00:10:18,900 --> 00:10:21,580

I just remember coming straight down on my head.

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00:10:21,580 --> 00:10:25,180

As I hit, I saw poof, this big bright light.

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00:10:25,180 --> 00:10:26,260

And that was it.

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00:10:26,260 --> 00:10:27,540

Then I was just completely out.

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00:10:27,540 --> 00:10:35,380

First Steve Newton, death was just a heartbeat away.

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00:10:35,380 --> 00:10:40,020

Then a gift from heaven.

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00:10:40,020 --> 00:10:41,020

Are you OK?

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00:10:41,020 --> 00:10:42,020

Can you hear me?

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00:10:45,460 --> 00:10:48,100

A passing motorist had turned Steve over in the water

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00:10:48,100 --> 00:10:49,300

and saved him from drowning.

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00:10:52,260 --> 00:10:53,900

She remained at the scene until Steve

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00:10:53,900 --> 00:10:56,020

was transported to a hospital.

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00:10:56,020 --> 00:10:59,060

Then she disappeared, and Steve never learned her name.

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00:11:01,980 --> 00:11:03,500

If she could just see my daughter,

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00:11:03,500 --> 00:11:05,140

she'll know that she did me.

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00:11:05,140 --> 00:11:08,260

The greatest favor or gift that anybody can give,

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00:11:08,260 --> 00:11:10,060

and that's to give me back my life.

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00:11:10,060 --> 00:11:13,660

And I'd like to say thank you for that.

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00:11:13,660 --> 00:11:15,820

With the help of our viewers, Steve Newton

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00:11:15,820 --> 00:11:18,580

recently had a chance to do just that.

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00:11:18,580 --> 00:11:22,740

Here's Keely Shea Smith with the details.

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00:11:22,740 --> 00:11:25,260

Bob, a woman in Florida recognized the story

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00:11:25,260 --> 00:11:28,820

as one she had heard from a co-worker named Tammy Dotson.

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00:11:28,820 --> 00:11:30,700

After the broadcast, Tammy's boyfriend

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00:11:30,700 --> 00:11:33,740

discussed the case with one of his co-workers, who happened

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00:11:33,740 --> 00:11:36,180

to be Steve Newton's father-in-law.

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00:11:36,180 --> 00:11:39,340

It soon became perfectly clear that Steve's mysterious good

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00:11:39,340 --> 00:11:44,220

Samaritan was in fact Tammy Dotson.

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00:11:44,220 --> 00:11:47,620

On January 31, 1997, Steve and Tammy

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00:11:47,620 --> 00:11:49,700

met face to face for the first time

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00:11:49,700 --> 00:11:51,380

since the near fatal accident.

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00:11:52,380 --> 00:11:55,660

As a special treat, Steve brought along Virginia, now

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00:11:55,660 --> 00:11:58,260

one and a half years old.

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00:11:58,260 --> 00:12:01,940

Nobody's ever gone that far to come to thank me.

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00:12:01,940 --> 00:12:04,220

And he kept saying that I was his angel.

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00:12:04,220 --> 00:12:07,820

I've never been called an angel before, far from it.

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00:12:07,820 --> 00:12:14,740

But it just, I mean, it made me feel good inside to know that I've

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00:12:14,740 --> 00:12:18,060

done something that's helped somebody so much.

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00:12:21,860 --> 00:12:25,300

Steve and his wife Sharon, now expecting their second child,

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00:12:25,300 --> 00:12:28,540

were finally able to express their gratitude to the woman who

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00:12:28,540 --> 00:12:31,420

had saved Steve's life.

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00:12:31,420 --> 00:12:33,100

I owe her everything.

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00:12:33,100 --> 00:12:37,300

And there's nothing that I have I can give to her,

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00:12:37,300 --> 00:12:40,180

to say thank you.

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00:12:40,180 --> 00:12:40,900

Wait through here.

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00:12:40,900 --> 00:12:41,860

It started.

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00:12:41,860 --> 00:12:43,100

For the day was out.

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00:12:43,100 --> 00:12:46,060

Tammy and Steve returned to the scene of the accident,

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00:12:46,060 --> 00:12:49,060

all too aware that Tammy's simple act of kindness

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00:12:49,060 --> 00:12:51,780

had changed both of them forever.

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00:12:51,780 --> 00:12:53,700

It makes me want to do more for other people.

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00:12:53,700 --> 00:12:58,380

Now, if someone's in trouble, I would go that extra mile,

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00:12:58,380 --> 00:13:02,900

that extra just to help that person.

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00:13:02,900 --> 00:13:04,100

I just wanted to hug him.

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00:13:04,100 --> 00:13:06,380

I was so glad to see that he was OK.

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00:13:06,380 --> 00:13:11,460

And the baby and everything, I was just thrilled that he was fine.

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00:13:20,060 --> 00:13:34,780

The images are from another place and another time.

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00:13:34,780 --> 00:13:39,140

The proud young father cradles his newborn daughter.

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00:13:39,140 --> 00:13:43,940

Her gentle smile captured in dozens of photographs.

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00:13:43,940 --> 00:13:46,020

Virginia Burns of Aurora, Colorado

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00:13:46,020 --> 00:13:48,300

always thought there were pictures of her.

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00:13:48,300 --> 00:13:52,460

She learned the truth when she was in her early 30s.

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00:13:52,460 --> 00:13:56,460

My father said, oh, no, those aren't you.

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00:13:56,460 --> 00:13:58,980

And I asked my mother, well, who are they?

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00:13:58,980 --> 00:14:01,140

And she says, oh, that's just a friend's baby.

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00:14:05,980 --> 00:14:08,020

Years would pass before Virginia finally

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00:14:08,020 --> 00:14:10,740

learned the entire truth.

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00:14:10,740 --> 00:14:14,580

In 1991, a year after Virginia's father died,

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00:14:14,580 --> 00:14:18,020

her mother confided that he had been previously married.

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00:14:18,020 --> 00:14:21,540

Then she made an even more startling revelation.

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00:14:21,540 --> 00:14:24,660

There's something I have to tell you.

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00:14:24,660 --> 00:14:28,100

You have a sister.

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00:14:28,100 --> 00:14:30,700

What do you mean I have a sister?

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00:14:30,700 --> 00:14:33,540

You know the baby pictures that you always thought were you?

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00:14:33,540 --> 00:14:37,740

And we told you they were the daughter of a friend of ours?

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00:14:37,740 --> 00:14:38,820

But she's your sister.

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00:14:41,940 --> 00:14:47,340

My mother admitted that she didn't tell me to protect me.

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00:14:47,340 --> 00:14:51,940

She had no way of knowing where my sister was,

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00:14:51,940 --> 00:14:58,060

and why tell me if there was no way I could meet her.

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00:14:58,060 --> 00:15:01,860

Three months later, Virginia's mother also passed away.

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00:15:01,860 --> 00:15:04,060

With both of her parents gone, Virginia

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00:15:04,060 --> 00:15:08,580

launched a search for the sister she had never known.

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00:15:08,580 --> 00:15:10,220

I was looking through the pictures,

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00:15:10,220 --> 00:15:12,620

and I found written on the back of one.

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00:15:12,620 --> 00:15:17,100

In my father's handwriting, it said Susan and I and Hugo.

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00:15:17,100 --> 00:15:19,940

And I had no idea where Hugo was, so I asked my husband,

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00:15:19,940 --> 00:15:21,460

and he said, well, that's a little town out

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00:15:21,460 --> 00:15:23,100

on the eastern plains of Colorado.

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00:15:26,860 --> 00:15:29,320

Hugo Conorado was where Virginia's father, Joe

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00:15:29,320 --> 00:15:32,340

Corum, lived in 1942.

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00:15:32,340 --> 00:15:35,980

He was a dishwasher and busboy in a small cafe.

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00:15:35,980 --> 00:15:40,500

That's where Joe met a young woman named Diana.

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00:15:40,500 --> 00:15:44,500

Hey, I just wanted to know if maybe Friday night

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00:15:44,500 --> 00:15:47,740

did money that the picture showed with me.

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00:15:47,740 --> 00:15:50,940

I'd love to, but I don't think my mother will let me go.

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00:15:50,940 --> 00:15:52,300

OK.

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00:15:52,300 --> 00:15:54,100

Well, how about a walk?

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00:15:54,100 --> 00:15:55,580

Just for an hour.

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00:15:55,580 --> 00:15:58,140

Diana's mother, Clara, ran the cafe.

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00:15:58,140 --> 00:15:59,780

Diana, come here.

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00:16:03,580 --> 00:16:05,220

I don't like to talk to that boy.

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00:16:05,220 --> 00:16:07,460

Mother, he's a perfectly nice person.

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00:16:07,460 --> 00:16:10,420

He could be a nice person, but honey, he's a drifter.

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00:16:10,420 --> 00:16:11,340

He just came in here.

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00:16:11,340 --> 00:16:16,460

Clara didn't approve of my father because he was poor,

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00:16:16,460 --> 00:16:18,860

and he had no future.

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00:16:23,300 --> 00:16:26,740

She didn't see where he could really go anywhere.

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00:16:29,620 --> 00:16:32,980

Despite Clara's objections, a romance blossomed.

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00:16:32,980 --> 00:16:35,620

Joe and Diana decided to get married.

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00:16:35,620 --> 00:16:37,380

A year later, Susan was born.

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00:16:41,460 --> 00:16:43,620

But the tensions between Joe and his mother-in-law

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00:16:43,620 --> 00:16:46,820

apparently escalated and eventually drove Joe and Diana

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00:16:46,820 --> 00:16:48,540

apart.

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00:16:48,540 --> 00:16:52,380

In 1946, they divorced, and Joe left town for good.

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00:16:52,380 --> 00:16:53,260

Come here, sweetie.

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00:16:58,860 --> 00:17:00,660

Daddy's going to miss you.

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00:17:00,660 --> 00:17:02,460

Diana, I need you inside.

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00:17:02,460 --> 00:17:06,500

I think it was probably one of the most heart-breaking things

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00:17:06,500 --> 00:17:08,020

he ever went through.

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00:17:08,020 --> 00:17:10,620

I'm sorry, Joe.

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00:17:10,620 --> 00:17:15,820

To leave Susan and Diana, I really

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00:17:15,820 --> 00:17:19,340

don't think he would have left unless there was just

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00:17:19,340 --> 00:17:20,780

horrendous pressure on him.

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00:17:23,540 --> 00:17:28,500

Joe Corm apparently never saw his wife or his daughter again.

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00:17:28,500 --> 00:17:31,380

After the separation, he moved to Greeley, Colorado,

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00:17:31,380 --> 00:17:34,460

where he fell in love with Virginia's mother, Dolly.

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00:17:34,460 --> 00:17:38,820

They eloped, and Virginia was born a year later.

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00:17:38,820 --> 00:17:41,300

Joe was happy with his new family,

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00:17:41,300 --> 00:17:45,660

but he apparently never forgot the daughter he had left behind.

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00:17:45,660 --> 00:17:48,380

Now looking back some 40 years, Virginia

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00:17:48,380 --> 00:17:51,100

understands a poignance of one memorable incident

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00:17:51,100 --> 00:17:52,060

from her childhood.

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00:17:54,820 --> 00:17:57,260

It was Virginia's sixth birthday.

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00:17:57,260 --> 00:17:59,140

For months, she had coveted a doll

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00:17:59,140 --> 00:18:02,500

in the window of a local store.

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00:18:02,500 --> 00:18:05,940

She was just like an unreachable dream.

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00:18:05,940 --> 00:18:09,060

I opened that box, and there was that doll.

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00:18:09,060 --> 00:18:11,460

And it was just like time stopped.

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00:18:11,460 --> 00:18:15,420

I was so excited to get that doll.

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00:18:15,420 --> 00:18:17,500

So what do you think you need, doll, sweetie?

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00:18:17,500 --> 00:18:18,140

I love her.

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00:18:18,140 --> 00:18:20,060

She's beautiful.

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00:18:20,060 --> 00:18:21,180

Well, what's her name?

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00:18:21,180 --> 00:18:22,220

I don't know.

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00:18:22,220 --> 00:18:25,380

What do you think I should call her?

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00:18:25,380 --> 00:18:27,260

He says, why don't you call her sweet suit?

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00:18:27,260 --> 00:18:28,740

How about sweet suit?

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00:18:28,740 --> 00:18:31,940

And I did, not realizing that that

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00:18:31,940 --> 00:18:33,540

was the name of my sister.

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00:18:33,540 --> 00:18:35,860

Jenny, why don't you go inside and play with your dolly?

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00:18:35,900 --> 00:18:38,300

OK.

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00:18:38,300 --> 00:18:41,140

What am I missing?

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00:18:41,140 --> 00:18:42,580

Sweet suit?

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00:18:42,580 --> 00:18:44,500

I know, I know.

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00:18:44,500 --> 00:18:46,060

It's OK.

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00:18:46,060 --> 00:18:48,180

You must really miss her.

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00:18:48,180 --> 00:18:49,500

Yeah.

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00:18:49,500 --> 00:18:50,580

Let's clean up.

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00:18:50,580 --> 00:18:51,820

OK.

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00:18:51,820 --> 00:18:54,220

I know he missed her.

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00:18:54,220 --> 00:18:58,220

A lot of times when I was growing up, he would search faces.

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00:18:58,220 --> 00:19:00,500

We would go out, and there would be a lot of little girls

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00:19:00,500 --> 00:19:01,380

around, you know?

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00:19:01,380 --> 00:19:03,460

And he would search faces.

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00:19:06,060 --> 00:19:07,660

Virginia learned that her father tried

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00:19:07,660 --> 00:19:10,020

to find Diana and Susan several times,

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00:19:10,020 --> 00:19:12,140

but it was never successful.

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00:19:12,140 --> 00:19:17,540

He died in 1990 without ever learning their fate.

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00:19:17,540 --> 00:19:20,740

Virginia now hopes to succeed when her father failed

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00:19:20,740 --> 00:19:24,660

and find the sister whose memory lingers on in the sweet innocence

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00:19:24,660 --> 00:19:25,900

of a young girl's doll.

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00:19:28,620 --> 00:19:32,260

This is important to me for two reasons.

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00:19:32,260 --> 00:19:36,140

Number one, here is a little girl who

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00:19:36,140 --> 00:19:39,140

has gone her whole life without knowing

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00:19:39,140 --> 00:19:42,140

that she had a father who cared about her.

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00:19:42,140 --> 00:19:47,180

My sister does not know that her father cared about her,

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00:19:47,180 --> 00:19:51,060

that he looked for her, that he wanted to find her.

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00:19:51,060 --> 00:19:53,700

She needs to know she has a father who loved her.

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00:19:58,020 --> 00:20:02,220

And secondly, I have a sister out there.

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00:20:02,220 --> 00:20:04,180

And I'm more than ready to be a sister.

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00:20:19,660 --> 00:20:22,420

When we return, for mainstream science,

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00:20:22,420 --> 00:20:24,140

it is too incredible to believe.

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00:20:24,140 --> 00:20:25,740

But some researchers are convinced

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00:20:25,740 --> 00:20:30,500

that spontaneous human combustion is very, very real.

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00:20:30,500 --> 00:20:33,740

And later, last September, dozens of eyewitnesses

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00:20:33,740 --> 00:20:37,540

watched in horror as rap music star Tupac Shakur was gunned down

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00:20:37,540 --> 00:20:39,740

on the crowded Las Vegas Strip.

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00:20:39,740 --> 00:20:42,460

Six months later, the killer remains at large.

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00:20:56,460 --> 00:20:59,580

Good morning.

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00:20:59,580 --> 00:21:01,700

Morning coffee at Kay and Mike Fletcher's,

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00:21:01,700 --> 00:21:04,100

hardly ranked as an unsolved mystery,

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00:21:04,100 --> 00:21:09,580

until the peculiar events of February 11, 1996.

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00:21:09,580 --> 00:21:11,340

It happened just after 9 AM.

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00:21:15,500 --> 00:21:17,060

Mike?

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00:21:17,060 --> 00:21:18,900

The Fletcher say that smoke suddenly

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00:21:18,900 --> 00:21:22,660

began to billow from Kay's body.

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00:21:22,660 --> 00:21:24,980

It's not my sweater.

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00:21:24,980 --> 00:21:25,860

Take it off.

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00:21:26,540 --> 00:21:28,860

Oh.

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00:21:28,860 --> 00:21:30,380

I had Michael take a look at my back.

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00:21:30,380 --> 00:21:32,260

I said, take a look at my back, because I'm thinking,

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00:21:32,260 --> 00:21:34,260

do I have blisters or what?

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00:21:34,260 --> 00:21:38,060

And he says, no, it's just red.

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00:21:38,060 --> 00:21:42,740

We really were frantically looking through the clothing,

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00:21:42,740 --> 00:21:46,700

like arm and back, and just looking it over very carefully.

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00:21:46,700 --> 00:21:49,700

And we found absolutely no discoloration.

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00:21:49,700 --> 00:21:54,220

We found no sight of any kind of fire damage.

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00:21:54,220 --> 00:21:57,380

I mean, it was actually coming off of her skin,

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00:21:57,380 --> 00:21:59,340

but there was no flame.

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00:21:59,340 --> 00:22:03,340

The smoke was so thick that we did have to turn on the fan

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00:22:03,340 --> 00:22:06,820

and open the window, just to get the smoke out of there.

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00:22:06,820 --> 00:22:10,940

Now, earlier in my life, I had worked at a crematorium.

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00:22:10,940 --> 00:22:14,420

And the smell was that of burnt flesh.

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00:22:14,420 --> 00:22:17,100

There was no mistake of that, because it's

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00:22:17,100 --> 00:22:19,580

an unmistakable smell.

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00:22:19,580 --> 00:22:21,020

Mike?

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00:22:21,020 --> 00:22:21,900

Mike?

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00:22:21,900 --> 00:22:24,940

For Kay and Mike Fletcher, it was frighteningly real,

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00:22:24,940 --> 00:22:28,380

yet at the same time almost impossible to believe.

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00:22:28,380 --> 00:22:31,820

Only later did they learn that such mysterious episodes have

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00:22:31,820 --> 00:22:34,580

been reported for well over 500 years.

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00:22:38,140 --> 00:22:40,660

Students of the paranormal call a spontaneous human

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00:22:40,660 --> 00:22:44,740

combustion, or SHC, on a perfectly normal person

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00:22:44,740 --> 00:22:47,100

bursts into flame without warning

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00:22:47,100 --> 00:22:49,620

and without apparent cause.

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00:22:49,660 --> 00:22:52,620

Mainstream scientists dismiss such accounts.

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00:22:52,620 --> 00:22:55,580

Still, the reports of persistence in the 15th century

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00:22:55,580 --> 00:22:59,700

show no signs of letting up now at the dawn of the 21st.

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00:22:59,700 --> 00:23:02,420

If there is indeed such a thing as SHC,

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00:23:02,420 --> 00:23:05,500

Kay Fletcher is one of the few who lived to tell about it.

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00:23:05,500 --> 00:23:07,460

Most of the others weren't so lucky.

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00:23:10,860 --> 00:23:15,220

March 26, 1986, Kendall Mott was worried.

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00:23:15,220 --> 00:23:17,380

His father, George, a retired fireman,

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00:23:17,380 --> 00:23:19,660

had serious lung problems.

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00:23:19,660 --> 00:23:22,780

An air pump and face mask helped keep him breathing.

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00:23:22,780 --> 00:23:26,620

But on that day, George hadn't answered repeated phone calls.

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00:23:26,620 --> 00:23:28,500

A quick look around convinced Kendall

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00:23:28,500 --> 00:23:31,380

that something was wrong.

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00:23:31,380 --> 00:23:33,060

The windows were all brown.

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00:23:33,060 --> 00:23:39,900

When I noticed that the door handle was warm when I grabbed it,

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00:23:39,900 --> 00:23:42,340

it was real dark inside the house.

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00:23:42,340 --> 00:23:44,900

And the smell like a bumper.

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00:23:44,900 --> 00:23:45,400

Dad?

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00:23:48,780 --> 00:23:49,980

Dad?

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00:23:49,980 --> 00:23:52,820

Kendall was confronted by a ghastly sight.

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00:23:52,820 --> 00:23:56,140

Fire had reduced his father to a scattering of ashes,

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00:23:56,140 --> 00:23:58,660

a few splinters of bone and a fragment of skull.

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00:24:03,700 --> 00:24:06,220

It's scary to find somebody like that, to walk in and find

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00:24:06,220 --> 00:24:09,340

somebody that you love, you know, all burnt like that.

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00:24:09,340 --> 00:24:12,740

It would no explanation as to why or what happened.

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00:24:12,740 --> 00:24:15,980

The case of George Mott in the spring of 1986

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00:24:15,980 --> 00:24:20,460

has all the hallmarks of classic spontaneous human combustion.

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00:24:20,460 --> 00:24:25,740

There is incredible localized damage done to the body.

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00:24:25,740 --> 00:24:27,780

George Mott was incinerated to an extent

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00:24:27,780 --> 00:24:31,500

that we have been told by forensic experts

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00:24:31,500 --> 00:24:34,860

could only be replicated inside a crematorium operating

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00:24:34,860 --> 00:24:41,380

at 3,000 degrees Fahrenheit or more for 12 long hours.

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00:24:41,420 --> 00:24:44,780

The searing heat had melted a television in the room.

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00:24:44,780 --> 00:24:48,780

Yet curiously, it had left much of the bedding unscathed.

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00:24:48,780 --> 00:24:51,340

In addition, scarcely two feet away,

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00:24:51,340 --> 00:24:54,140

a box of wooden matches had failed to ignite.

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00:24:54,140 --> 00:24:57,980

And air was still pumping through George's face mask.

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00:24:57,980 --> 00:25:01,100

Skeptics, however, insist that behind the bizarre scene

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00:25:01,100 --> 00:25:03,900

lies a rational explanation.

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00:25:03,900 --> 00:25:05,900

Now, do I know exactly what happened?

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00:25:05,900 --> 00:25:06,460

I don't.

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00:25:06,460 --> 00:25:08,700

But let me reconstruct a little bit.

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00:25:08,700 --> 00:25:12,620

We're told that Mr. Mott was a farmer drinker

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00:25:12,620 --> 00:25:15,500

and a farmer smoker, but that he had reformed.

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00:25:15,500 --> 00:25:17,660

He was supposed to be depressed.

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00:25:17,660 --> 00:25:19,860

Just suppose that he said, what the heck?

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00:25:19,860 --> 00:25:22,020

I think I'll have a cigarette.

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00:25:22,020 --> 00:25:24,980

This would explain him taking off the oxygen mask

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00:25:24,980 --> 00:25:26,860

while the unit would still be left running.

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00:25:26,860 --> 00:25:29,820

And it would explain why the matches were there.

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00:25:29,820 --> 00:25:33,300

Now, if that's the case, then this is just another case

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00:25:33,300 --> 00:25:37,020

of smoking in bed and is not mysterious

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00:25:37,020 --> 00:25:38,580

and is a rather mundane case.

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00:25:41,220 --> 00:25:43,660

But not even skeptics use the word mundane

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00:25:43,660 --> 00:25:48,580

to describe what Don Gosnell found in December of 1966.

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00:25:48,580 --> 00:25:51,940

A gas company meterman in Cowdersport, Pennsylvania,

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00:25:51,940 --> 00:25:55,140

Gosnell called on Irving Bentley, a 92-year-old retired

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00:25:55,140 --> 00:25:57,060

physician.

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00:25:57,060 --> 00:26:00,460

That day, Dr. Bentley was apparently away from home.

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00:26:00,460 --> 00:26:02,500

Gosnell let himself into the basement.

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00:26:08,020 --> 00:26:10,020

When I got to the bottom of the steps,

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00:26:10,020 --> 00:26:12,300

there was a pile of ashes on the floor.

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00:26:12,300 --> 00:26:16,780

And there was an odor, something I'd never encountered before.

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00:26:16,780 --> 00:26:20,260

It was kind of a sickening sweet odor.

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00:26:20,260 --> 00:26:22,340

And then I looked up, and here there

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00:26:22,340 --> 00:26:24,420

was a hole burnt through the floor right above me.

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00:26:28,020 --> 00:26:30,700

And I stood there and I looked at that hole,

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00:26:30,700 --> 00:26:34,100

and there was little red embers all around the hole yet.

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00:26:37,300 --> 00:26:40,860

And all I could think was they got Dr. Bentley out of here,

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00:26:40,860 --> 00:26:43,180

but why didn't somebody call the fire company

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00:26:43,180 --> 00:26:45,580

and get this taken care of?

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00:26:45,580 --> 00:26:51,100

So I went running upstairs and went in to the bathroom.

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00:26:51,100 --> 00:26:53,700

And that's when I found the remains of Dr. Bentley

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00:26:53,700 --> 00:26:56,540

and what was left.

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00:26:56,540 --> 00:27:02,180

All there was was part of one leg and was so discolored,

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00:27:02,180 --> 00:27:04,860

I couldn't tell it was a human being or a mannequin

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00:27:04,860 --> 00:27:08,220

until I got right down close and looked at it.

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00:27:08,220 --> 00:27:10,460

And when I got the picture, I left right then.

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00:27:13,580 --> 00:27:15,220

What is so amazing and so profoundly

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00:27:15,220 --> 00:27:17,620

perplexing to mainstream science about the scene

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00:27:17,620 --> 00:27:22,500

that Dr. Bentley left behind is the incredibly intense fire

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00:27:22,500 --> 00:27:25,740

that consumed his body quite literally to powder,

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00:27:25,740 --> 00:27:28,940

leaving behind only his head, a knee bone,

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00:27:28,940 --> 00:27:31,020

and a lower left leg as a mute testimony

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00:27:31,020 --> 00:27:33,060

that this had once been a human being.

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00:27:33,060 --> 00:27:37,060

The rest of his body was ash in the basement below.

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00:27:37,060 --> 00:27:39,580

We believe that Dr. Bentley answered a call of nature

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00:27:39,580 --> 00:27:40,780

to be polite.

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00:27:40,780 --> 00:27:42,060

Or standing in front of the toilet,

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00:27:42,060 --> 00:27:46,500

suddenly spontaneously he became a human fireball.

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00:27:46,500 --> 00:27:50,260

The nature of the fire, and we kind of use fire in quotes here,

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00:27:50,260 --> 00:27:52,100

failed to produce enough thermal energy

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00:27:52,100 --> 00:27:54,020

to melt the aluminum walker, failed

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00:27:54,020 --> 00:27:56,740

to produce enough heat to blister paint on the bathtub

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00:27:56,740 --> 00:28:00,620

inches away, and yet was quite capable of directing its energy

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00:28:00,620 --> 00:28:03,860

downward through the oak beams, through the flooring,

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00:28:03,860 --> 00:28:07,660

and into the subfloor beneath into the basement.

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00:28:07,660 --> 00:28:09,620

The case of someone like Dr. Bentley

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00:28:09,620 --> 00:28:14,700

is very understandable in the sense of him being infirm.

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00:28:14,700 --> 00:28:20,300

He had a history of setting his clothes on fire from his pipe.

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00:28:20,300 --> 00:28:23,540

His clothing was pockmarked with burns from his pipe.

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00:28:26,780 --> 00:28:29,260

Dr. Bentley also had a habit of keeping matches

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00:28:29,260 --> 00:28:31,300

in his bathrobe pockets.

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00:28:31,300 --> 00:28:33,980

Joe Nickel believes that burning ashes from Bentley's pipe

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00:28:33,980 --> 00:28:36,180

dropped near them, and they ignited.

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00:28:36,180 --> 00:28:38,300

And there was plenty of fuel to feed the flames.

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00:28:42,380 --> 00:28:45,380

In many of the cases, the person's own body fat

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00:28:45,380 --> 00:28:47,660

can contribute to the fire.

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00:28:47,660 --> 00:28:50,940

If we imagine Dr. Bentley with his body on fire,

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00:28:50,940 --> 00:28:54,020

falls to the floor, there is linoleum on that floor.

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00:28:54,020 --> 00:28:56,300

And linoleum, once it catches fire,

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00:28:56,340 --> 00:28:59,260

is a very powerful of flammable material.

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00:28:59,260 --> 00:29:01,580

The flooring burned, the subflooring burned,

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00:29:01,580 --> 00:29:03,700

and there's beams underneath.

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00:29:03,700 --> 00:29:06,340

There's a tremendous amount of wood underneath his body

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00:29:06,340 --> 00:29:08,620

to act as a funeral pyre.

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00:29:08,620 --> 00:29:10,140

Mysterious?

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00:29:10,140 --> 00:29:13,980

Not really, not scientifically mysterious, unusual, yes.

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00:29:13,980 --> 00:29:15,900

The debunkers of spontaneous human combustion

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00:29:15,900 --> 00:29:17,460

could conduct a very simple experiment.

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00:29:17,460 --> 00:29:19,700

Take a cadaver, put it on a tarbasin, linoleum,

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00:29:19,700 --> 00:29:21,540

flooring, put an aluminum walker over top of it,

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00:29:21,540 --> 00:29:23,180

and drop a cigarette on it.

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00:29:23,180 --> 00:29:25,380

If it burns to powder, we're going to be real impressed,

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00:29:25,380 --> 00:29:27,740

and that person deserves a Nobel Prize in physics.

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00:29:27,740 --> 00:29:30,100

But I'll wage your money, that experiment's going to fail.

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00:29:32,700 --> 00:29:36,380

Larry Arnold theorizes that some cases of spontaneous human

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00:29:36,380 --> 00:29:38,860

combustion may be an explosive aberration

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00:29:38,860 --> 00:29:41,100

of the electrical current flows naturally

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00:29:41,100 --> 00:29:43,820

present in the body.

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00:29:43,820 --> 00:29:46,380

We had the potential of hundreds of thousands

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00:29:46,380 --> 00:29:48,380

of volts of electricity coursing through the body

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00:29:48,380 --> 00:29:49,700

instantaneously.

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00:29:49,700 --> 00:29:51,900

If the amperage is sufficiently high,

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00:29:51,900 --> 00:29:54,900

then the body would literally become its own electrocution

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00:29:54,900 --> 00:29:55,420

mechanism.

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00:29:58,740 --> 00:30:04,260

It would fry itself out from the inside, electrically.

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00:30:04,260 --> 00:30:07,660

This is a crack pottery of a very high order.

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00:30:07,660 --> 00:30:11,940

There is not a single reasonable theory

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00:30:11,940 --> 00:30:13,980

for spontaneous human combustion.

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00:30:13,980 --> 00:30:18,340

There is no convincing scientific evidence of it.

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00:30:18,340 --> 00:30:21,100

And so the mystery mongers ought to shut up and get a life.

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00:30:22,100 --> 00:30:25,380

Larry Arnold is unfazed by such criticism.

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00:30:25,380 --> 00:30:27,940

He claims to have researched over 400 cases

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00:30:27,940 --> 00:30:32,220

of spontaneous human combustion, some dating back to the 1400s,

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00:30:32,220 --> 00:30:35,860

and many documented by photographs.

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00:30:35,860 --> 00:30:40,460

The naysayers, the PhDs who are phenomena-hating debunkers,

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00:30:40,460 --> 00:30:43,180

choose not to face the facts.

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00:30:43,180 --> 00:30:45,660

This is a mystery that's crying out for study,

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00:30:45,660 --> 00:30:47,940

that's crying out for recognition.

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00:30:47,940 --> 00:30:49,900

This is a mystery that's not just a mystery,

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00:30:50,460 --> 00:30:52,860

this is a mystery that is, to this day, unsolved.

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00:30:59,180 --> 00:31:03,020

Next, the poetic music of rap star Tupac Shakur,

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00:31:03,020 --> 00:31:05,100

glorified gang culture, and seemed

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00:31:05,100 --> 00:31:07,820

to predict his own violent demise.

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00:31:07,820 --> 00:31:10,100

Now the investigation into Shakur's murder

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00:31:10,100 --> 00:31:12,580

has become a tangle of chilling speculation

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00:31:12,580 --> 00:31:13,940

and conflicting theories.

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Tupac Shakur, one of rap music's most popular and enigmatic

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00:31:36,340 --> 00:31:39,260

artists, his autobiographical songs

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00:31:39,260 --> 00:31:43,980

reflected a dark treacherous world he knew all too well.

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00:31:43,980 --> 00:31:47,860

Alternately described as a street thug and a charismatic poet,

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00:31:47,900 --> 00:31:50,700

Tupac won the adoration of millions.

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00:31:50,700 --> 00:31:53,700

By the age of 25, he had cut four platinum albums

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00:31:53,700 --> 00:31:56,940

and starred in five feature films.

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00:31:56,940 --> 00:31:58,940

I thought he was a brilliant man,

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00:31:58,940 --> 00:32:01,940

thought he had a lot of vision, a lot of foresight.

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00:32:01,940 --> 00:32:06,140

He made, he was very creative, he was an artist,

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00:32:06,140 --> 00:32:08,700

and at the same time, he was a revolutionist.

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00:32:08,700 --> 00:32:10,940

He was a great person, he was extremely charismatic,

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00:32:10,940 --> 00:32:15,340

he was very intelligent, very business-smart, very funny,

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00:32:15,380 --> 00:32:18,420

very warm, intelligent, caring.

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00:32:18,420 --> 00:32:21,860

That was the Tupac that I knew.

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00:32:21,860 --> 00:32:24,380

Despite his success, Tupac could never

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00:32:24,380 --> 00:32:26,780

resist the lure of the streets.

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00:32:26,780 --> 00:32:32,220

Between 1991 and 1995, he was arrested eight times.

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00:32:32,220 --> 00:32:35,820

In 1994, he was shot five times and left for dead

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00:32:35,820 --> 00:32:39,380

in the lobby of a New York City recording studio.

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00:32:39,380 --> 00:32:45,220

In 1995, he served eight months in prison for rape.

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00:32:45,260 --> 00:32:48,380

Within a year of his release, Tupac's explosive past

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00:32:48,380 --> 00:32:50,180

finally caught up with him.

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00:32:50,180 --> 00:32:53,380

He was cut down in a hail of gunfire just off the Las Vegas

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00:32:53,380 --> 00:32:54,940

Strip.

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00:32:54,940 --> 00:32:58,460

His killer is still unidentified, still at large.

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00:33:01,300 --> 00:33:03,020

According to those who knew him best,

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00:33:03,020 --> 00:33:06,980

Tupac Shakur never expected to reach his 25th birthday.

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00:33:06,980 --> 00:33:10,620

He was wrong, but only by three months.

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00:33:10,620 --> 00:33:13,460

Shakur's untimely death has raised a host of questions

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00:33:13,540 --> 00:33:16,860

and given rise to three distinct theories about his murder,

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a murder that occurred as Tupac Shakur

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00:33:18,700 --> 00:33:22,380

relaxed with friends in America's playground, Las Vegas,

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00:33:22,380 --> 00:33:22,880

Nevada.

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It was September 7, 1996.

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Las Vegas was operating at full capacity.

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00:33:32,180 --> 00:33:34,420

Thousands had gathered for the heavyweight boxing

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00:33:34,420 --> 00:33:36,940

match between Mike Tyson and Bruce Seldon,

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00:33:36,940 --> 00:33:41,580

held at the world-famous MGM Grand Hotel.

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00:33:41,580 --> 00:33:43,940

Tupac Shakur was one of the many celebrities

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00:33:43,940 --> 00:33:46,220

who attended the fight.

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00:33:46,220 --> 00:33:49,860

He was accompanied by Marion Shugnight, CEO of Death Row

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00:33:49,860 --> 00:33:53,900

Records, Shakur's recording company.

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This photograph of Tupac and Shug

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00:33:55,820 --> 00:33:59,700

was taken after the fight at around 10.55 PM.

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00:33:59,700 --> 00:34:03,260

They were headed for Shug's dance club, followed

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00:34:03,260 --> 00:34:08,260

by an entourage of musicians and bodyguards.

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00:34:08,260 --> 00:34:14,660

Tupac, who normally was known to pack a weapon, as was Shug

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00:34:14,660 --> 00:34:17,340

and many people in the entourage,

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00:34:17,340 --> 00:34:18,940

they weren't armed that night.

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00:34:18,940 --> 00:34:22,500

And everybody said they felt safe.

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00:34:22,500 --> 00:34:27,140

Reporter Kathy Scott is writing a book about the murder.

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00:34:27,140 --> 00:34:28,620

So it was a very festive mood.

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00:34:28,620 --> 00:34:31,860

They were obviously playing their music loud,

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00:34:31,860 --> 00:34:33,020

so they were in a party.

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00:34:33,020 --> 00:34:36,340

They were flirting with women.

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00:34:36,340 --> 00:34:40,020

At 11.10, Tupac and Shug pulled up to an intersection

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00:34:40,020 --> 00:34:41,980

and spoke with two unidentified women.

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00:34:41,980 --> 00:34:43,380

Party somewhere?

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00:34:43,380 --> 00:34:45,980

Well, Dad, always party.

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00:34:45,980 --> 00:34:48,380

The two were looking at the girls and talking to them.

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00:34:48,380 --> 00:34:51,100

That's what the witnesses have told police.

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00:34:51,100 --> 00:34:53,780

And that's when a white Cadillac drove up

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00:34:53,780 --> 00:34:59,140

on the passenger side next to Tupac and opened fire.

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00:34:59,580 --> 00:35:08,100

Tupac tried to climb into the back seat and didn't make it.

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00:35:08,100 --> 00:35:13,020

As the attackers sped away, Shug Knight

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00:35:13,020 --> 00:35:15,660

took off in the opposite direction.

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00:35:15,660 --> 00:35:21,060

He finally stopped in front of a casino one mile away.

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00:35:21,060 --> 00:35:23,700

Tupac Shakur was in critical condition,

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00:35:23,700 --> 00:35:27,300

shot in the chest, in the hip, and in the hand.

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Shug Knight had escaped with a slight bullet

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00:35:29,380 --> 00:35:32,700

graze in the temple.

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00:35:32,700 --> 00:35:35,700

Despite the presence of thousands of potential witnesses,

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00:35:35,700 --> 00:35:38,460

police say only one person offered a glimmer of hope.

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00:35:43,660 --> 00:35:47,020

Ia Fu Fula, one of Tupac's backup singers,

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00:35:47,020 --> 00:35:49,940

was riding in the car directly behind Shug and Tupac.

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00:35:50,020 --> 00:35:57,420

He told police that night that he could do a photo lineup,

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00:35:57,420 --> 00:36:01,020

pick out the gunman from a photo lineup.

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00:36:01,020 --> 00:36:06,220

Police interviewed him briefly, apparently not extensively.

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00:36:06,220 --> 00:36:10,220

Took his number, and he went on his way.

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00:36:12,220 --> 00:36:14,940

For six long days, fans gathered outside the Las Vegas

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00:36:14,940 --> 00:36:17,940

Hospital where Tupac clung to life.

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00:36:18,940 --> 00:36:20,940

It was a losing battle.

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00:36:20,940 --> 00:36:23,940

On the afternoon of September 13, 1996,

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00:36:23,940 --> 00:36:26,940

Tupac Shakur took his last breath and died.

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00:36:30,940 --> 00:36:32,940

Initially, conventional wisdom headed

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00:36:32,940 --> 00:36:35,940

that Tupac fell victim to a spontaneous burst of gang

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00:36:35,940 --> 00:36:36,940

violence.

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00:36:36,940 --> 00:36:39,940

Supporting that scenario was this videotape,

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00:36:39,940 --> 00:36:42,940

recorded by a security camera at the MGM Grand,

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00:36:42,940 --> 00:36:46,940

just three hours before the shooting.

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00:36:46,940 --> 00:36:49,940

Members of Tupac's entourage can be seen in the lobby,

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00:36:49,940 --> 00:36:51,940

engaged in a brutal scuffle.

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00:36:51,940 --> 00:36:53,940

Both Shug Knight and Tupac were present.

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00:36:56,940 --> 00:36:59,940

Moments later, Tupac, followed by Shug,

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00:36:59,940 --> 00:37:01,940

can be seen hurrying through the casino.

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00:37:05,940 --> 00:37:08,940

The target of the assault was 22-year-old Orlando Anderson,

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00:37:08,940 --> 00:37:11,940

an alleged member of a Los Angeles street gang,

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00:37:11,940 --> 00:37:13,940

the Southside Crips.

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00:37:13,940 --> 00:37:15,940

It has long been rumored that Shug Knight is affiliated

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00:37:15,940 --> 00:37:18,940

with a rival gang, the Compton Bloods.

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00:37:18,940 --> 00:37:24,940

Was this confrontation the spark that led to Tupac's murder?

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00:37:24,940 --> 00:37:28,940

Anytime someone as popular as Tupac Shakur

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00:37:28,940 --> 00:37:31,940

can be killed in front of thousands of people

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00:37:31,940 --> 00:37:34,940

after one of the biggest events in the world

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00:37:34,940 --> 00:37:39,940

and one of the most popular cities of Las Vegas in the world,

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00:37:39,940 --> 00:37:42,940

then it's something more to it than just some random shooting

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00:37:42,940 --> 00:37:44,940

by some idiot who decided to pick up a gun

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00:37:44,940 --> 00:37:47,940

and point at Tupac Shakur.

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00:37:47,940 --> 00:37:51,940

It has to be some organization

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00:37:51,940 --> 00:37:54,940

or some movement behind that killing.

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00:37:58,940 --> 00:38:00,940

Some say this music video by Tupac

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00:38:00,940 --> 00:38:03,940

offers a clue to a second scenario.

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00:38:03,940 --> 00:38:05,940

In the months preceding his death,

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00:38:05,940 --> 00:38:08,940

Tupac was at the center of a heated dispute

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00:38:08,940 --> 00:38:11,940

between East Coast and West Coast rap music factions.

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00:38:13,940 --> 00:38:17,940

There was a rivalry that started between Tupac Shakur

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00:38:17,940 --> 00:38:20,940

and artist Biggie Smalls and Puffy Combs,

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00:38:20,940 --> 00:38:23,940

who is the CEO of Bad Boy Entertainment.

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00:38:23,940 --> 00:38:25,940

That rivalry between them existed

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00:38:25,940 --> 00:38:28,940

because when Tupac was shot at Quad Studios,

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00:38:28,940 --> 00:38:31,940

he felt not that Biggie and Puffy set him up,

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00:38:31,940 --> 00:38:34,940

but that they knew that it was coming and didn't warn him.

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00:38:34,940 --> 00:38:37,940

Puck, you alive? I mean, you safe?

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00:38:37,940 --> 00:38:40,940

In a dramatized portion of the video,

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00:38:40,940 --> 00:38:43,940

Tupac publicly blamed Puffy Combs and Biggie Smalls

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00:38:43,940 --> 00:38:46,940

for the attack that nearly killed him in 1994.

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00:38:46,940 --> 00:38:48,940

Don't kill him. It was Buf's idea.

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00:38:48,940 --> 00:38:50,940

Oh, man, it was... I'm just a rapper, man.

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00:38:50,940 --> 00:38:52,940

No one has ever been arrested in that shooting.

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00:38:52,940 --> 00:38:54,940

I ain't gonna kill you.

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00:38:54,940 --> 00:38:56,940

We was homeboys once, P.A.

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00:38:56,940 --> 00:38:59,940

Once we homeboys, we always homeboys.

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00:38:59,940 --> 00:39:01,940

Just weeks before his death,

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00:39:01,940 --> 00:39:06,940

Tupac appeared on radio station KMEL in San Francisco

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00:39:06,940 --> 00:39:09,940

and candidly discussed his feelings toward the shooting

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00:39:09,940 --> 00:39:12,940

and his feelings towards his East Coast rivals.

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00:39:14,940 --> 00:39:17,940

While I'm in jail, strangers is telling me,

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00:39:17,940 --> 00:39:20,940

yo, you don't know, Biggie homeboys shot you.

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00:39:20,940 --> 00:39:22,940

Because they bragging. They telling them,

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00:39:22,940 --> 00:39:24,940

yo, we just got popped.

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00:39:24,940 --> 00:39:27,940

And that's why what I'm doing, I know what I'm doing.

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00:39:27,940 --> 00:39:30,940

I'm destroying her. I'm destroying her.

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00:39:33,940 --> 00:39:35,940

Just last weekend, Biggie Smalls,

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00:39:35,940 --> 00:39:39,940

aka notorious B.I.G., was himself gunned down

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00:39:39,940 --> 00:39:42,940

shortly after leaving a party in Los Angeles.

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00:39:42,940 --> 00:39:44,940

At this time, there is no known connection

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00:39:44,940 --> 00:39:47,940

between his murder and Shakur's.

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00:39:47,940 --> 00:39:49,940

In addition, there is no proof

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00:39:49,940 --> 00:39:51,940

that the East Coast, West Coast rivalry

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00:39:51,940 --> 00:39:54,940

had anything to do with Tupac's death,

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00:39:54,940 --> 00:39:58,940

leading to intense speculation about a third possibility.

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00:39:58,940 --> 00:40:01,940

Perhaps the murder was an inside job

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00:40:01,940 --> 00:40:04,940

orchestrated by someone close to Tupac Shakur.

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00:40:04,940 --> 00:40:08,940

This scenario is populated by unanswered questions.

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00:40:10,940 --> 00:40:12,940

In the midst of the jam-packed Vegas strip,

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00:40:12,940 --> 00:40:15,940

how did the gunmen know where Tupac would be?

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00:40:15,940 --> 00:40:18,940

Why did he seem to target only Tupac?

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00:40:18,940 --> 00:40:22,940

Why weren't Tupac's bodyguards armed at the time of the shooting

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00:40:22,940 --> 00:40:25,940

when they had been armed earlier in the evening?

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00:40:25,940 --> 00:40:27,940

Yeah, the black beamer's in front.

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00:40:27,940 --> 00:40:28,940

It's a shit drive.

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00:40:28,940 --> 00:40:30,940

And why were the strips swarming with people,

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00:40:30,940 --> 00:40:32,940

including the two unidentified women

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00:40:32,940 --> 00:40:34,940

just a few feet from the shooting?

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00:40:34,940 --> 00:40:39,940

Was no one apparently willing to cooperate with police?

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00:40:39,940 --> 00:40:42,940

What I was told by one homicide detective

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00:40:42,940 --> 00:40:46,940

was that everybody went deaf, dumb, and blind.

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00:40:46,940 --> 00:40:48,940

They were surprised because they said,

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00:40:48,940 --> 00:40:50,940

these are professional bodyguards.

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00:40:50,940 --> 00:40:55,940

They're paid to guard, you know, Tupac.

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00:40:55,940 --> 00:40:57,940

He hired them for this purpose,

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00:40:57,940 --> 00:41:00,940

yet they didn't see anything.

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00:41:01,940 --> 00:41:02,940

I don't know.

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00:41:02,940 --> 00:41:05,940

The only person who reportedly did see something,

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00:41:05,940 --> 00:41:07,940

Yafu Fula, never had the opportunity

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00:41:07,940 --> 00:41:10,940

to view a photo lineup of possible suspects.

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00:41:10,940 --> 00:41:12,940

Within a week of the shooting,

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00:41:12,940 --> 00:41:16,940

he returned to his home in New Jersey.

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00:41:16,940 --> 00:41:18,940

Two months later, Fula was gunned down

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00:41:18,940 --> 00:41:21,940

in the stairwell of a housing project,

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00:41:21,940 --> 00:41:24,940

a random act of violence, or a premeditated murder

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00:41:24,940 --> 00:41:28,940

to keep Fula from talking to the authorities.

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00:41:29,940 --> 00:41:31,940

He was their best bet.

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00:41:31,940 --> 00:41:33,940

He was right behind the car when it happened,

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00:41:33,940 --> 00:41:35,940

and he said he could identify,

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00:41:35,940 --> 00:41:38,940

he believed he could identify the gunman,

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00:41:38,940 --> 00:41:42,940

and now Fula's dead, and they don't have that anymore.

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00:41:42,940 --> 00:41:45,940

Authorities have always maintained

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00:41:45,940 --> 00:41:48,940

that Fula was the only eyewitness willing to talk.

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00:41:48,940 --> 00:41:50,940

However, just two weeks ago,

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00:41:50,940 --> 00:41:52,940

two other members of Tupac's entourage

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00:41:52,940 --> 00:41:55,940

claimed they told police from the beginning

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00:41:55,940 --> 00:41:58,940

that they had a clear view of the shooter.

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00:41:58,940 --> 00:42:01,940

They say police never asked them to view a photo lineup.

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00:42:01,940 --> 00:42:04,940

The police say the men initially denied seeing the shooter,

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but have now re-interviewed them.

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Ironically, in one of Tupac's final videos,

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he seemed to foretell his own violent demise,

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cut down in a hail of gunfire by a shadowy, unknown assassin.

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I don't know if we'll ever know who killed Tupac Shakur,

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but I do know that there's millions of people

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that are devastated by his loss.

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There was a lot of things people might consider bad about Tupac,

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but there was a lot of good things about Tupac,

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and we had yet to see all the good things

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that I believe could have come out of Tupac Shakur.

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I'll be back, but as soon as I text them,

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I took my girl out of here.

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