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Tonight on Unsolved Mysteries.

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Brooke Baker was a reporter for her campus newspaper,

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a small town girl with big time ambitions.

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What was it about her life that led to this brutal attack?

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It is one of the stranger stories we've encountered.

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People who call themselves walk-ins and claim

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that they're not just a group of people,

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people who call themselves walk-ins and claim

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their bodies have been inhabited, in fact,

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taken over by invading spirits.

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Could it be that walk-ins are walking among us?

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00:00:41,160 --> 00:00:43,520

It had all the signs of a tragic accident

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00:00:43,520 --> 00:00:46,960

until police found evidence of an elaborate setup,

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cold-blooded murder.

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Now this man stands accused of killing his own wife,

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but he insists that he is innocent.

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When a terrifying accident left Wilma

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00:00:57,560 --> 00:01:00,200

drew unconscious and trapped in her car,

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00:01:00,200 --> 00:01:02,400

death seemed inevitable.

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

Then salvation arrived in the form

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00:01:04,400 --> 00:01:06,760

of an unknown good Samaritan.

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00:01:06,760 --> 00:01:12,480

Now Wilma needs your help to thank the man who saved her life.

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00:01:12,480 --> 00:01:14,600

20 years ago, a young Korean woman

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said goodbye to her GI husband and her daughter,

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then boarded a train.

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00:01:19,240 --> 00:01:22,560

And for some unknown reason, never came back.

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00:01:22,600 --> 00:01:25,560

Since then, her daughter has grown up, married,

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00:01:25,560 --> 00:01:27,560

and hopes that someone watching tonight

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00:01:27,560 --> 00:01:31,760

can reunite her with her long-lost mother.

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00:01:31,760 --> 00:01:33,160

Join me.

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00:01:33,160 --> 00:01:36,120

Perhaps you may be able to help solve them a mystery,

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00:01:36,120 --> 00:01:39,040

or perhaps you may encounter one that simply cannot be explained.

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Every autumn, thousands of parents and their sons and daughters

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00:02:25,920 --> 00:02:28,440

off to college assuming they'll be safe and on their way

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00:02:28,440 --> 00:02:30,480

to a bright future.

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The parents of a young woman named Brooke Baker

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thought exactly that.

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00:02:34,320 --> 00:02:35,840

They were wrong.

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Her campus experience proved fatal.

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00:02:45,160 --> 00:02:48,240

Brooke Baker, a college sophomore,

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00:02:48,240 --> 00:02:51,720

stabbed to death in her own bed just after she died.

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00:02:51,840 --> 00:02:53,680

She was stabbed to death in her own bed,

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00:02:53,680 --> 00:02:55,680

just half a block off campus.

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00:02:55,680 --> 00:02:58,160

That's what he killed, 256, 612.

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00:02:58,160 --> 00:03:01,360

Police in Vincennes, Indiana, started their investigation,

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00:03:01,360 --> 00:03:03,680

certain the case would be solved easily.

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00:03:03,680 --> 00:03:07,800

But more than a year later, Brooke's killer remains unidentified.

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00:03:07,800 --> 00:03:08,760

OK.

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00:03:08,760 --> 00:03:10,760

How about the right shoulder?

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00:03:10,760 --> 00:03:12,560

I'm obsessed with it.

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00:03:12,560 --> 00:03:18,200

I can't live without justice for Brooke.

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00:03:18,200 --> 00:03:21,240

I can't go on with my own life.

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00:03:22,200 --> 00:03:23,880

I want justice.

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00:03:26,400 --> 00:03:29,440

Who killed Brooke Baker?

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Of the many theories police are pursuing,

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00:03:31,920 --> 00:03:34,880

several point to a direct link between Brooke's life

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00:03:34,880 --> 00:03:35,960

and her brutal murder.

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00:03:38,520 --> 00:03:42,880

Was it angry fraternity brothers out for revenge?

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00:03:42,880 --> 00:03:47,600

A psychopath posing as a potential roommate?

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00:03:47,600 --> 00:03:49,840

Or perhaps Brooke's landlord?

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00:03:49,840 --> 00:03:53,920

He allegedly watched her closely.

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00:03:53,920 --> 00:03:56,400

Then there's a puzzle of Brooke's cousin.

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Does she know something she hasn't told police?

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To me, the real key in solving this case

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00:04:02,720 --> 00:04:05,920

is going to be when we answer the question, who was Brooke Baker

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00:04:05,920 --> 00:04:09,640

and what was there about her life in the last few years

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00:04:09,640 --> 00:04:12,720

of her life that led up to this extraordinary conclusion.

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00:04:15,560 --> 00:04:19,520

Brooke Baker was a small town girl with big city ambitions.

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She planned to be somebody, a top flight journalist.

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I need the photographs.

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At Vincent's University, Brooke became very active

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on the school paper, and she made sure everyone knew it.

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Can you call me back, please?

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00:04:32,720 --> 00:04:34,400

Because I'm waiting, and I need them.

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00:04:34,400 --> 00:04:36,120

I think one of the things Brooke really enjoyed

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00:04:36,120 --> 00:04:40,080

was the power that came from being reported on the paper.

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It gave her certainly recognition and visibility on campus,

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and I think she enjoyed the attention.

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Few 19-year-olds make deadly enemies.

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00:04:50,680 --> 00:04:53,760

Brooke may have been an exception.

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In the spring of 1997, she heard rumors of a date

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rape at a fraternity party and went after the story

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aggressively.

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Are you in a sorority?

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Right.

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00:05:04,400 --> 00:05:07,040

So would you describe some of the incidences

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00:05:07,040 --> 00:05:08,440

of it happened to you?

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00:05:08,440 --> 00:05:10,120

It would have been very easy to work on the story

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00:05:10,120 --> 00:05:12,840

and have nobody know about it, but members of the staff.

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00:05:12,840 --> 00:05:15,200

But the word was out everywhere, and I

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00:05:15,200 --> 00:05:17,480

think the word was generated from Brooke.

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00:05:17,520 --> 00:05:19,840

I think she wanted people to know what she was doing.

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00:05:23,240 --> 00:05:26,360

At the fraternity where the alleged rape had taken place,

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00:05:26,360 --> 00:05:28,960

Brooke's investigation was not welcome.

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00:05:28,960 --> 00:05:30,360

You're not right in thinking about us.

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00:05:30,360 --> 00:05:32,240

Look, I can write whatever I want about you.

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00:05:32,240 --> 00:05:32,840

I'm serious.

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00:05:32,840 --> 00:05:34,280

And you better watch your back.

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00:05:34,280 --> 00:05:36,200

You better watch your back.

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00:05:36,200 --> 00:05:39,760

She didn't worry about who she offended

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00:05:39,760 --> 00:05:42,800

or whose toes she stepped on if it was the truth.

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00:05:42,800 --> 00:05:45,800

It was the truth.

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00:05:45,800 --> 00:05:48,960

Fraternity members allegedly started sending Brooke email,

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00:05:48,960 --> 00:05:53,040

threatening her if she ran the rape story.

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00:05:53,040 --> 00:05:57,800

Brooke was unfazed, but her mother was very concerned.

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00:05:57,800 --> 00:06:00,280

I feared for Brooke's safety all the time,

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00:06:00,280 --> 00:06:01,280

and I'd question her on it.

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00:06:01,280 --> 00:06:05,080

And she'd say if it could save one girl from being raped

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00:06:05,080 --> 00:06:08,760

or abused, she was willing to write the story

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00:06:08,760 --> 00:06:10,120

and investigate the paternity.

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00:06:13,000 --> 00:06:15,600

The harassment allegedly climaxed one night

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00:06:15,600 --> 00:06:18,280

when a truckload of fraternity brothers confronted Brooke

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00:06:18,280 --> 00:06:21,400

at her friend's house.

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00:06:21,400 --> 00:06:24,400

They reportedly called her names and shouted more threats.

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00:06:28,400 --> 00:06:31,640

Did a conflict between Brooke Baker and the fraternity

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00:06:31,640 --> 00:06:33,080

ultimately lead to murder?

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00:06:39,200 --> 00:06:41,600

A few months later, Brooke moved into a new house

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00:06:41,600 --> 00:06:43,680

where she thought she'd be safer.

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The landlord was a campus police officer.

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Mom, do you need any help with the boxes?

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00:06:48,520 --> 00:06:49,040

Oh, no.

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00:06:49,040 --> 00:06:49,540

I got it.

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00:06:49,540 --> 00:06:51,440

Thank you.

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00:06:51,440 --> 00:06:51,940

Thanks.

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00:06:51,940 --> 00:06:52,720

Sure.

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00:06:52,720 --> 00:06:54,720

Within weeks, however, Brooke allegedly

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00:06:54,720 --> 00:06:56,760

started having trouble with the landlord.

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00:06:59,680 --> 00:07:00,920

What are you doing in my house?

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00:07:00,920 --> 00:07:02,600

I was just looking for all my books for a night.

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00:07:02,600 --> 00:07:05,000

Brooke told her parents she discovered him prowling

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00:07:05,000 --> 00:07:06,840

around her house at all hours.

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00:07:06,840 --> 00:07:07,280

You have to.

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00:07:07,280 --> 00:07:08,840

If you're going to, if you need to come in here,

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00:07:08,840 --> 00:07:10,240

you would have to call.

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00:07:10,240 --> 00:07:13,240

You can't come into my house.

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00:07:13,280 --> 00:07:15,440

According to her parents, the landlord once

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00:07:15,440 --> 00:07:19,240

shined a light through the windows.

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00:07:19,240 --> 00:07:22,320

On another occasion, Brooke said he came in while she

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00:07:22,320 --> 00:07:24,400

was in the shower.

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00:07:24,400 --> 00:07:27,120

She felt uncomfortable enough that she told a number of people

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00:07:27,120 --> 00:07:30,560

that she just was just generally uncomfortable

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00:07:30,560 --> 00:07:33,200

with the whole situation.

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00:07:33,200 --> 00:07:35,800

What happened the night Brooke died?

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00:07:35,800 --> 00:07:38,760

Did her landlord let himself in?

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00:07:38,760 --> 00:07:41,360

Did an angry confrontation escalate to murder?

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00:07:44,280 --> 00:07:46,160

Been since, police also identified

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00:07:46,160 --> 00:07:48,240

a third theory of murder.

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00:07:48,240 --> 00:07:50,200

Only days before her death, Brooke

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00:07:50,200 --> 00:07:55,360

placed an ad for a roommate in the campus newspaper.

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00:07:55,360 --> 00:07:56,920

Someone who wants to come over to Brooke's house

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00:07:56,920 --> 00:07:58,600

and knock on the door and say, hey,

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00:07:58,600 --> 00:08:00,800

I'm here about your room.

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00:08:00,800 --> 00:08:02,160

I want to be a roommate.

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00:08:02,160 --> 00:08:05,840

What's Brooke's natural reaction going to be in that?

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Open the door and let them in.

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

Brooke's ad may have become an invitation to murder.

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00:08:14,400 --> 00:08:16,760

Police found no evidence of forced entry,

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00:08:16,760 --> 00:08:19,440

no signs of a struggle.

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00:08:19,440 --> 00:08:22,920

Their most vital clues are several samples of DNA.

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00:08:22,920 --> 00:08:25,280

To date, they have interviewed 400 people

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00:08:25,280 --> 00:08:27,520

and tested 52 against those samples.

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00:08:31,840 --> 00:08:35,800

They say parents who bury a child never really stop grieving.

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00:08:35,800 --> 00:08:38,600

It goes too hard against the heart.

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00:08:38,600 --> 00:08:41,360

For Brooke's parents, however, answers

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00:08:41,360 --> 00:08:43,080

would at least be a great comfort.

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00:08:48,480 --> 00:08:50,360

Update.

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00:08:50,360 --> 00:08:52,640

Two years after Brooke Baker's death,

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00:08:52,640 --> 00:08:56,080

police got their first break in the case.

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00:08:56,080 --> 00:08:59,720

Tragically, it came at the cost of another life.

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On July 5, 1999, investigators searched

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the apartment of missing Vincennes College student

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Erica Elaine Norman.

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00:09:08,640 --> 00:09:12,640

There, they found a crime scene eerily similar to Brooke Baker's,

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00:09:12,640 --> 00:09:17,840

including the identical odd characteristic in the bathroom.

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00:09:17,840 --> 00:09:19,440

There was water running in the bathtub,

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00:09:19,440 --> 00:09:22,200

and I knew right then that it was the same person who

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00:09:22,200 --> 00:09:25,960

committed the murder of Brooke Baker.

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Erica had last been seen leaving a local restaurant

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00:09:28,880 --> 00:09:31,960

with a man by the name of Brian Jones.

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He was immediately brought in for questioning.

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When we interviewed Brian Jones, it

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00:09:37,920 --> 00:09:41,200

turned out that he was a roommate of an individual that

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00:09:41,200 --> 00:09:44,360

was seeing Brooke Baker within the last couple

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00:09:44,360 --> 00:09:46,360

of weeks of her death.

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00:09:46,360 --> 00:09:49,640

Brian Jones consented to give a sample of his DNA.

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00:09:49,640 --> 00:09:52,720

It linked him conclusively to the murder of Brooke Baker,

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00:09:52,720 --> 00:09:54,480

and Jones was arrested.

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00:09:54,480 --> 00:09:57,080

When Erica Norman's body was found two weeks later,

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00:09:57,080 --> 00:09:59,040

Jones struck a plea bargain.

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00:09:59,080 --> 00:10:01,680

He admitted to killing Erica, and in exchange,

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00:10:01,680 --> 00:10:03,880

prosecutors did not seek the death penalty

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00:10:03,880 --> 00:10:06,040

in the Brooke Baker trial.

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00:10:06,040 --> 00:10:09,680

On December 14, Brian Jones was sentenced to life in prison

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00:10:09,680 --> 00:10:12,400

without the possibility of parole.

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Brian presented himself to me as someone

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00:10:14,760 --> 00:10:18,120

that would have not stopped that case,

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00:10:18,120 --> 00:10:19,680

stopped a serial killer, in my opinion.

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00:10:25,080 --> 00:10:28,280

Next, meet some people who claim their bodies

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00:10:28,280 --> 00:10:30,880

have been taken over by someone else's soul.

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00:10:36,560 --> 00:10:39,120

Paris, a brooding artist and teacher

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nearly dies in a hospital.

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00:10:41,280 --> 00:10:42,960

During a near-death experience, he

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00:10:42,960 --> 00:10:44,440

has a nightmare vision of hell.

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00:10:49,560 --> 00:10:52,600

He survives and becomes a minister in his church.

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00:10:52,600 --> 00:10:56,560

The experience forever changes his life.

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During a thunderstorm, a self-centered bully

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00:10:58,920 --> 00:10:59,800

is struck by lightning.

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00:11:07,000 --> 00:11:10,240

The 180,000 votes nearly killed him.

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00:11:10,240 --> 00:11:13,560

When he recovered, he began having psychic experiences,

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00:11:13,560 --> 00:11:15,600

and he's changed his violent ways,

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00:11:15,600 --> 00:11:17,040

becoming a hospice volunteer.

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00:11:17,040 --> 00:11:19,920

Can you see me again?

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00:11:19,920 --> 00:11:22,160

These individuals say near-death experience

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00:11:22,160 --> 00:11:24,840

has made the behave like different people.

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00:11:24,840 --> 00:11:26,120

Tonight, we'll tell you about a group

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00:11:26,160 --> 00:11:28,320

who say they really are different people.

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00:11:28,320 --> 00:11:31,120

They call themselves walk-ins.

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00:11:31,120 --> 00:11:34,760

They say their bodies have been taken over by other spirits.

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It sounds unbelievable, but at a recent convention in England,

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00:11:38,320 --> 00:11:41,960

500 people claiming to be walk-ins showed up.

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00:11:41,960 --> 00:11:45,720

Is there any truth to their strange tales?

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00:11:45,720 --> 00:11:51,520

I began to feel that I had to change my name,

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00:11:51,520 --> 00:11:54,760

and this happens very often to walk-ins.

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00:11:54,760 --> 00:11:55,840

And I didn't know why.

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00:11:55,840 --> 00:11:58,920

I felt like a stranger in a strange land.

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00:11:58,920 --> 00:12:00,040

I didn't fit here.

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00:12:00,040 --> 00:12:01,920

I didn't understand this world.

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00:12:01,920 --> 00:12:04,080

I didn't understand how it worked.

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00:12:04,080 --> 00:12:06,520

The doctor patted me, and he said,

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00:12:06,520 --> 00:12:09,680

young lady, you gave us quite a scare.

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00:12:09,680 --> 00:12:14,080

And I said, oh, I'm not who you think I am.

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00:12:14,080 --> 00:12:17,240

Those who believe say it's not possession.

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00:12:17,240 --> 00:12:20,680

It's an even trade of one soul for another.

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00:12:20,680 --> 00:12:22,960

And they say it could happen to any one of us.

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00:12:26,480 --> 00:12:29,120

For Carol Parrish, the routine life of a housewife

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00:12:29,120 --> 00:12:31,800

in the South would lead to the extraordinary experience

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00:12:31,800 --> 00:12:33,840

of being a walk-in.

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00:12:33,840 --> 00:12:36,280

Carol had five children with a sixth on the way.

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00:12:42,280 --> 00:12:44,760

During childbirth in 1958, doctors

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00:12:44,760 --> 00:12:47,960

gave Carol a shot of sodium pedothal to ease her pain.

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00:12:48,960 --> 00:12:49,960

All right, we're going to make you

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00:12:49,960 --> 00:12:52,080

give you something a little more comfortable,

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00:12:52,080 --> 00:12:55,080

a nurse, two CCs, a sodium peniphal.

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00:12:55,080 --> 00:12:57,400

But Carol had an allergic reaction to the drug,

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00:12:57,400 --> 00:12:59,800

and her lungs collapsed.

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00:12:59,800 --> 00:13:01,800

All right, we've got an anaphylactic shock, nurse.

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00:13:01,800 --> 00:13:03,520

Let's get some oxygen going.

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00:13:03,520 --> 00:13:05,080

She was on the edge of death.

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00:13:05,080 --> 00:13:08,160

Let's do an IV, bring in an IV stat.

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00:13:08,160 --> 00:13:10,560

Suddenly, I wasn't there.

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00:13:10,560 --> 00:13:12,880

It was just like I had been totally engaged

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00:13:12,880 --> 00:13:17,840

in that struggle, and the next thing, it's cool.

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00:13:17,880 --> 00:13:23,560

And I'm floating, and I look down,

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00:13:23,560 --> 00:13:28,200

and you hardly know that that's you.

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00:13:28,200 --> 00:13:31,200

Carol watched her baby being born.

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00:13:31,200 --> 00:13:33,760

Then she says her soul entered a tunnel of light

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00:13:33,760 --> 00:13:36,040

where she felt she wasn't alone.

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00:13:36,040 --> 00:13:38,960

She described it as a near-death experience,

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00:13:38,960 --> 00:13:42,960

but then something even stranger happened.

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00:13:42,960 --> 00:13:46,840

I stood there, and in that light,

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00:13:46,840 --> 00:13:51,920

it began to tell me things.

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00:13:51,920 --> 00:13:57,200

It was like a whole flow of information

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00:13:57,200 --> 00:13:59,840

just came into my mind.

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00:13:59,840 --> 00:14:06,920

And this love and this wisdom just permeated wave

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00:14:06,920 --> 00:14:13,680

after wave of understanding, wisdom,

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00:14:13,720 --> 00:14:17,880

richness just flowed into me.

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00:14:20,640 --> 00:14:22,960

Carol wasn't expected to live,

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00:14:22,960 --> 00:14:25,560

but she says her body was given new life

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00:14:25,560 --> 00:14:27,520

with a different soul.

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00:14:27,520 --> 00:14:33,000

The old Carol was gone, and a new identity had taken over.

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00:14:33,000 --> 00:14:41,560

I saw young Carol move off into the care of some other beings.

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00:14:44,240 --> 00:14:46,400

I'm not who you think that I am.

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00:14:46,400 --> 00:14:47,720

It's OK.

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00:14:47,720 --> 00:14:51,800

As I look at each person, their eyes, just the veil,

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00:14:51,800 --> 00:14:55,200

comes over their eyes.

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00:14:55,200 --> 00:14:58,160

And I turned my head toward the wall,

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00:14:58,160 --> 00:15:02,360

and big tears started coming in my eyes and down my cheeks,

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00:15:02,360 --> 00:15:06,560

and I thought, how will I ever get anybody to believe me?

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00:15:06,560 --> 00:15:08,400

Who's going to listen?

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00:15:08,400 --> 00:15:11,480

From then on, Carol says everything about her life

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00:15:11,480 --> 00:15:12,600

changed.

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00:15:12,640 --> 00:15:15,440

She began having out of body experiences.

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00:15:15,440 --> 00:15:18,960

One day I was nursing the baby, and I found myself

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00:15:18,960 --> 00:15:21,440

standing in the door looking at myself,

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00:15:21,440 --> 00:15:24,840

and immediately thought, oh, that's happening to me again.

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00:15:24,840 --> 00:15:28,480

When I thought that, I popped back together, and it passed.

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00:15:31,680 --> 00:15:34,800

And I tried to talk about that to my family.

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00:15:34,800 --> 00:15:37,960

Her husband said she was insane.

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00:15:37,960 --> 00:15:38,920

Where's your medicine?

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00:15:38,920 --> 00:15:41,560

Her doctor tried to put her on Valium.

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00:15:41,600 --> 00:15:43,960

I'm not taking it anymore.

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00:15:43,960 --> 00:15:46,040

Why not?

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00:15:46,040 --> 00:15:48,280

It's not good for the baby.

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00:15:48,280 --> 00:15:50,760

Carol, the doctor said you've got to take that medicine.

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00:15:50,760 --> 00:15:53,960

The new Carol made radical changes in her life.

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00:15:53,960 --> 00:15:56,240

Bill, I am not taking the medicine anymore.

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00:15:56,240 --> 00:15:58,640

She started school to study bookkeeping.

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00:15:58,640 --> 00:16:00,520

She got a job, and eventually became

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00:16:00,520 --> 00:16:02,800

a manager at a local bank.

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00:16:02,800 --> 00:16:04,640

Carol believes her new identity was

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00:16:04,640 --> 00:16:07,360

a threat to her husband, a firefighter.

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00:16:07,360 --> 00:16:10,840

He left her in 1967.

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00:16:10,840 --> 00:16:15,480

The years after the experience and before,

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00:16:15,480 --> 00:16:17,560

I was really doing what I considered

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00:16:17,560 --> 00:16:23,560

to be my spiritual life and my life work were very lonely.

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00:16:23,560 --> 00:16:25,720

I was lonely for other people that

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00:16:25,720 --> 00:16:29,840

valued the things that were so meaningful to me.

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00:16:29,840 --> 00:16:34,520

In 1965, Carol began to study metaphysical religion.

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00:16:34,520 --> 00:16:37,080

It led to her becoming a minister at the light of Christ

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00:16:37,080 --> 00:16:38,600

Community Church.

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00:16:38,600 --> 00:16:40,120

She remarried.

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00:16:40,120 --> 00:16:41,760

The timid Southern girl had blossomed

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00:16:41,760 --> 00:16:43,800

into an outspoken leader.

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00:16:43,800 --> 00:16:46,640

There was no way she could be the same person.

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00:16:46,640 --> 00:16:49,760

Carol realized she was a walk-in.

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00:16:49,760 --> 00:16:54,840

I believe young Carol went as all souls do

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00:16:54,840 --> 00:16:58,320

into tender hands to care for her and help her reorient

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00:16:58,320 --> 00:17:01,240

herself to the world of spirit.

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00:17:01,240 --> 00:17:04,760

The idea that life is ongoing, and if you are,

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00:17:04,760 --> 00:17:07,120

you always will be.

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00:17:07,160 --> 00:17:10,360

That's the piece that I think is so important.

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00:17:10,360 --> 00:17:12,720

Partly it's important because we would live life more

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00:17:12,720 --> 00:17:16,920

courageously if we really believed that.

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00:17:16,920 --> 00:17:19,160

An exchange of souls?

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00:17:19,160 --> 00:17:22,440

Is it really possible?

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00:17:22,440 --> 00:17:25,480

A woman named Sherry claims it happened to her.

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00:17:25,480 --> 00:17:28,240

She was a high school principal.

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00:17:28,240 --> 00:17:30,040

While visiting a friend in Wyoming,

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00:17:30,040 --> 00:17:35,240

Sherry says her old soul was exchanged for another.

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00:17:35,240 --> 00:17:38,120

Sherry began to feel disoriented.

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00:17:38,120 --> 00:17:40,800

She asked her friend who was a metaphysical healer

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00:17:40,800 --> 00:17:44,400

to lay her hands on her.

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00:17:44,400 --> 00:17:46,400

Suddenly, the room began to change.

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00:17:55,200 --> 00:18:01,480

There was a glow of golden pulsating energy.

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00:18:01,480 --> 00:18:06,120

The core of the energy just punched right

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00:18:06,120 --> 00:18:07,760

into the base of my spine.

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00:18:10,640 --> 00:18:17,640

I raised up on my knees and sat immersed in this colorful light

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00:18:17,640 --> 00:18:21,200

and found myself wanting to just flow with it

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00:18:21,200 --> 00:18:24,760

and dance with it with my hands and my arms.

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00:18:32,160 --> 00:18:33,080

I don't know.

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00:18:33,080 --> 00:18:35,360

Later, Sherry's friends said she had changed.

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00:18:35,360 --> 00:18:37,080

I know their party party.

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00:18:37,080 --> 00:18:39,880

Her husband knew something was very different,

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00:18:39,880 --> 00:18:44,800

especially when she explained that she had a new name.

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00:18:44,800 --> 00:18:47,600

I'm Joelle.

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00:18:47,600 --> 00:18:49,120

I think some of my most difficult moments

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00:18:49,120 --> 00:18:55,000

were when I would have a certain something come up,

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00:18:55,000 --> 00:18:57,560

and I needed some help, for instance.

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00:18:57,560 --> 00:19:00,800

And usually in the past, I could give a little shout

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00:19:00,800 --> 00:19:03,240

or something, and somebody would come and help me.

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00:19:03,240 --> 00:19:07,240

And with Joelle, I'd say, OK, let's go.

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00:19:07,240 --> 00:19:11,080

And it was kind of like I'm waiting to hear and nothing.

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00:19:11,080 --> 00:19:12,400

It was a different response.

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00:19:12,400 --> 00:19:14,080

That was something to get used to.

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00:19:14,080 --> 00:19:15,680

I don't know.

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00:19:15,680 --> 00:19:16,680

What's wrong?

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00:19:16,680 --> 00:19:18,080

I'm afraid.

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00:19:18,080 --> 00:19:19,760

Oh, there's nothing to be afraid of.

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00:19:19,760 --> 00:19:20,400

It's over.

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00:19:20,400 --> 00:19:23,720

It's like things are changing.

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00:19:23,720 --> 00:19:25,680

Besides helping her husband come to terms

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00:19:25,680 --> 00:19:29,880

with her new identity, there were other problems as well.

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00:19:29,880 --> 00:19:32,160

mundane tasks became nearly impossible.

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00:19:39,240 --> 00:19:44,640

There was a hypersensitivity to energy fields around people,

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00:19:44,640 --> 00:19:48,040

energy fields around things.

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00:19:48,040 --> 00:19:51,800

So to go into a supermarket, see the energy fields,

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00:19:51,800 --> 00:19:53,520

hear all the thoughts.

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00:19:53,520 --> 00:19:57,880

It was so difficult to stay focused on what my task was.

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00:19:57,880 --> 00:20:02,000

I tried to narrow my task down to five to 10 items

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00:20:02,000 --> 00:20:07,080

so I could get through that express line as quick as possible.

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00:20:07,080 --> 00:20:09,280

Over time, Joelle says she managed

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00:20:09,280 --> 00:20:13,480

to accept her new identity, as did her husband and daughter.

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00:20:13,480 --> 00:20:16,120

It's as though there are two chapters in our lives

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00:20:16,120 --> 00:20:17,200

as a family.

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00:20:17,200 --> 00:20:19,800

There's the before and there's the after.

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00:20:19,800 --> 00:20:22,960

And in many ways, our life as a family

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00:20:22,960 --> 00:20:26,360

started after my mother experienced the walk-in.

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00:20:26,360 --> 00:20:30,800

A lot of the healing that wasn't able to take place before

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00:20:30,800 --> 00:20:35,480

did after we are so much stronger as a family unit.

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00:20:35,480 --> 00:20:38,200

Joelle now dedicates herself to educating others

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00:20:38,200 --> 00:20:41,400

about her walk-in experience.

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00:20:41,400 --> 00:20:42,480

I travel the country.

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00:20:42,480 --> 00:20:46,560

I travel the world speaking to different groups of people,

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00:20:46,560 --> 00:20:51,120

doing private counseling sessions with people.

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00:20:51,120 --> 00:20:53,400

I'm an author.

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00:20:53,400 --> 00:20:57,080

One of the beautiful memories that came from Sherry

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00:20:57,080 --> 00:21:02,600

was her ability to teach, was her ability to speak to people.

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00:21:02,600 --> 00:21:08,560

I've taken that aspect, and I've just taken it to the next phase.

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00:21:08,560 --> 00:21:11,160

Are the stories of walk-ins valid?

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00:21:11,160 --> 00:21:14,400

Can one soul truly enter the body and replace another

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00:21:14,400 --> 00:21:18,080

that is ready to move on?

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00:21:18,080 --> 00:21:20,360

The people we have met tonight and many others

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00:21:20,360 --> 00:21:22,120

do claim a new spirit.

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00:21:22,120 --> 00:21:25,000

A positive spirit resides inside them,

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00:21:25,000 --> 00:21:28,240

a spirit that has changed their lives for the better.

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00:21:28,240 --> 00:21:34,120

When it comes to walk-ins, perhaps that is all we need to know.

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00:21:34,120 --> 00:21:37,040

Next, judging by the family photos,

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00:21:37,040 --> 00:21:40,080

Steve and Kathy page at a storybook marriage.

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00:21:40,080 --> 00:21:42,920

But when Kathy turned up dead, a grieving husband

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00:21:42,920 --> 00:21:44,400

became the prime suspect.

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00:21:51,360 --> 00:21:56,440

It was early dawn on May 14, 1991, when police in Viter, Texas

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00:21:56,440 --> 00:21:58,640

discovered the wreck.

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00:21:58,640 --> 00:22:03,480

The woman behind the wheel was dead, her skin cool to the touch.

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00:22:03,480 --> 00:22:06,200

At first glance, a tragic accident.

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00:22:06,200 --> 00:22:11,320

But within seconds, anomalies began to emerge.

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00:22:11,320 --> 00:22:13,440

The dead woman had no obvious wounds,

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00:22:13,440 --> 00:22:15,440

and the car was barely damaged.

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00:22:15,440 --> 00:22:18,600

Soft drinks in the front seat hadn't even spilled.

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00:22:18,640 --> 00:22:20,640

The list grew longer.

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00:22:20,640 --> 00:22:23,040

The woman's feet were pushed back against the seat,

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00:22:23,040 --> 00:22:27,240

rather than stretched out toward the pedals.

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00:22:27,240 --> 00:22:33,360

She wasn't wearing a seat belt, yet she had not pitched forward.

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00:22:33,360 --> 00:22:35,520

Being no damage to the interior of the vehicle,

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00:22:35,520 --> 00:22:38,600

and very little, if not any damage to the exterior of the vehicle,

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00:22:38,600 --> 00:22:41,880

and the deepness of the ditch, plain to see this

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00:22:41,880 --> 00:22:45,280

was a staged incident instead of an accident.

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00:22:45,320 --> 00:22:47,000

So at that point, they thought they had

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00:22:47,000 --> 00:22:50,440

a probable questionable death.

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00:22:50,440 --> 00:22:54,440

The woman was identified as 34-year-old Kathy Page.

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00:22:54,440 --> 00:22:56,240

She was a wife and mother.

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00:22:56,240 --> 00:22:58,960

She lived at 450 Green Street, curiously just

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00:22:58,960 --> 00:23:01,840

100 yards from the crash site.

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00:23:01,840 --> 00:23:04,000

Kathy's husband, Steve, answered the door.

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00:23:04,000 --> 00:23:04,920

Who is it?

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00:23:04,920 --> 00:23:08,360

Viter, please.

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00:23:08,360 --> 00:23:10,120

I'm Sergeant Mosley, the Viter Police Department.

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00:23:10,120 --> 00:23:11,080

Are you Mr. Page?

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00:23:11,080 --> 00:23:12,000

Yes.

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00:23:12,000 --> 00:23:13,000

Mr. Page?

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00:23:13,000 --> 00:23:14,200

You know where your wife's at?

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00:23:14,200 --> 00:23:15,200

My wife's at.

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00:23:15,200 --> 00:23:16,600

He said, well, his wife was not home,

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00:23:16,600 --> 00:23:18,400

and directly looked straight down the street

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00:23:18,400 --> 00:23:21,200

towards where the car was.

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00:23:21,200 --> 00:23:22,400

Is this about my wife?

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00:23:22,400 --> 00:23:23,400

Yes, it is, sir.

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00:23:23,400 --> 00:23:26,120

Sergeant Advisor, sir, we found her deceased in her vehicle

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00:23:26,120 --> 00:23:27,120

this morning.

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00:23:27,120 --> 00:23:30,000

Can we step inside the residence and discuss this matter?

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00:23:30,000 --> 00:23:33,280

Steve seemed to be quite upset.

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00:23:33,280 --> 00:23:35,400

He began to cry at times, and at times

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00:23:35,400 --> 00:23:37,320

threw himself on the couch crying.

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00:23:37,320 --> 00:23:40,760

But yet, he would jump right back up, and we were talking.

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00:23:40,800 --> 00:23:42,920

There would be no signs of tears in his eyes.

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00:23:42,920 --> 00:23:45,520

This seemed strange to me.

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00:23:45,520 --> 00:23:46,880

We've seen a car accident.

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00:23:46,880 --> 00:23:48,320

Sir, we don't know all the details.

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00:23:48,320 --> 00:23:51,080

From that moment on, police concentrated their attention

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00:23:51,080 --> 00:23:52,880

on Steve Page.

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00:23:52,880 --> 00:23:56,520

Six years later, he is still the prime suspect.

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00:23:56,520 --> 00:23:59,520

For Page, those years have been an ordeal.

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00:23:59,520 --> 00:24:02,560

Barely a day passes that he doesn't fend off accusations

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00:24:02,560 --> 00:24:07,280

that he killed his wife, the mother of his children.

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00:24:07,280 --> 00:24:08,880

Of course, I don't know if he's ever been

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00:24:09,880 --> 00:24:12,320

Of course, I did not kill my wife.

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00:24:12,320 --> 00:24:16,080

The evidence clearly shows that the perpetrator was someone

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00:24:16,080 --> 00:24:19,360

other than Steve Page.

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00:24:19,360 --> 00:24:22,560

Is this the face of a killer?

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

Many people in the small town of Ida, Texas,

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00:24:24,760 --> 00:24:26,800

are convinced it is.

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00:24:26,800 --> 00:24:29,400

There are certainly Steve Page at both the opportunity

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00:24:29,400 --> 00:24:32,320

and motive to murder his wife, Kathy.

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00:24:32,320 --> 00:24:34,800

Her family claims he would be in prison today.

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00:24:34,800 --> 00:24:37,080

His personal relationships with police officials

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00:24:37,120 --> 00:24:39,760

had not dirty the investigation.

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00:24:39,760 --> 00:24:42,280

Steve Page insists he is innocent.

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00:24:42,280 --> 00:24:47,680

Tonight, we'll examine both sides of this controversial case.

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00:24:47,680 --> 00:24:51,200

Kathy and Steve Page have been married for almost 13 years.

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00:24:51,200 --> 00:24:53,520

They had two daughters, 12-year-old Aaron

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00:24:53,520 --> 00:24:55,640

and seven-year-old Monica.

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00:24:55,640 --> 00:24:57,800

They seemed like a perfect family.

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00:24:57,800 --> 00:25:01,240

But according to Steve, he and Kathy had drifted apart,

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00:25:01,240 --> 00:25:06,560

and she was no longer happy with her role as Steve's wife.

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00:25:06,560 --> 00:25:12,120

Mainly, she was uncomfortable with who she was.

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00:25:12,120 --> 00:25:14,040

Or at least that was what she explained to me,

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00:25:14,040 --> 00:25:15,360

that she didn't know who she was.

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00:25:15,360 --> 00:25:18,560

She wanted to try to find out who Kathy was.

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00:25:18,560 --> 00:25:21,120

Because of that, we talked about separating

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00:25:21,120 --> 00:25:23,600

for a short period of time and allowing

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00:25:23,600 --> 00:25:28,080

her to hopefully find herself.

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00:25:28,080 --> 00:25:30,600

Kathy's sister, Sherry, disagrees.

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00:25:30,600 --> 00:25:33,520

She says the marriage was beyond repair.

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00:25:33,560 --> 00:25:38,760

Kathy was definitely moving on in her life at that point

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00:25:38,760 --> 00:25:40,800

because the decision was made for the divorce.

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00:25:40,800 --> 00:25:42,840

And that, in itself, having a decision like that

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00:25:42,840 --> 00:25:46,520

finally be resolved in itself was a real relief off her back.

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00:25:46,520 --> 00:25:49,680

And she was making plans for that.

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00:25:49,680 --> 00:25:52,600

Steve moved out of the house, but he says his relationship

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00:25:52,600 --> 00:25:55,200

with Kathy remained friendly.

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00:25:55,200 --> 00:25:58,280

The next day, Kathy asked him to babysit their daughters

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00:25:58,280 --> 00:26:01,000

while she went out with a friend.

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00:26:01,000 --> 00:26:05,480

Kathy was getting ready when Steve arrived.

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00:26:05,480 --> 00:26:08,240

She said she was going to meet one of her girlfriends

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00:26:08,240 --> 00:26:10,200

after work.

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00:26:10,200 --> 00:26:12,920

And so I went over there.

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00:26:12,920 --> 00:26:18,480

She left at approximately 11.15 to 11.30 to head to Beaumont

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00:26:18,480 --> 00:26:20,920

to meet her friend.

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00:26:20,920 --> 00:26:23,960

Charlotte was the friend's name.

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00:26:23,960 --> 00:26:27,600

By 4.15 AM, Kathy Page was dead.

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00:26:27,600 --> 00:26:31,400

On her body was found she wasn't wearing makeup or jewelry.

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00:26:31,400 --> 00:26:33,760

The autopsy showed she had been strangled.

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00:26:33,760 --> 00:26:36,640

Her nose broken, her eye blackened.

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00:26:36,640 --> 00:26:39,480

There were bloodstains on Kathy's underwear and skin,

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00:26:39,480 --> 00:26:43,160

but strangely not on her outer clothing.

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00:26:43,160 --> 00:26:45,520

Kathy Page was not killed in her vehicle.

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00:26:45,520 --> 00:26:48,720

She was killed at another location, cleaned up, redressed,

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00:26:48,720 --> 00:26:50,480

and placed back in her vehicle.

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00:26:50,480 --> 00:26:55,240

And after the vehicle had been rolled into the ditch.

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00:26:55,240 --> 00:26:57,000

And there was more.

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00:26:57,040 --> 00:26:59,480

Sometimes shortly before Kathy Page died,

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00:26:59,480 --> 00:27:02,400

she had engaged in sexual activity.

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00:27:02,400 --> 00:27:04,800

Was that mysterious someone Kathy's killer?

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00:27:07,480 --> 00:27:09,160

Police soon learned that Kathy had not

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00:27:09,160 --> 00:27:10,840

going to meet her friend Charlotte,

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00:27:10,840 --> 00:27:13,080

but had instead spent the evening with a boyfriend

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00:27:13,080 --> 00:27:17,920

in a motel in Beaumont, Texas, about 10 minutes from Vidar.

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00:27:17,920 --> 00:27:20,080

The boyfriend acknowledged that he and Kathy

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00:27:20,080 --> 00:27:23,400

made love that night.

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00:27:23,400 --> 00:27:25,000

If he came to the police station,

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00:27:25,000 --> 00:27:29,360

he gave us a statement, and also voluntarily gave us

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00:27:29,360 --> 00:27:34,240

a polygraph examination, which he passed with flying colors.

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00:27:34,240 --> 00:27:36,120

However, the autopsy report included

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00:27:36,120 --> 00:27:38,280

one more critical detail.

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00:27:38,280 --> 00:27:41,240

Kathy's sex partner had had a vasectomy.

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00:27:41,240 --> 00:27:43,360

The boyfriend had not.

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00:27:43,360 --> 00:27:48,000

That meant Kathy must have had sex that night with someone else.

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00:27:48,000 --> 00:27:51,120

Could that man have been Steve Page?

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00:27:51,120 --> 00:27:55,080

He had had a vasectomy several months earlier.

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00:27:55,080 --> 00:27:57,120

When police questioned him, he admitted

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00:27:57,120 --> 00:28:00,080

having sex with Kathy, but claimed it was before she

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00:28:00,080 --> 00:28:01,000

went out that night.

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00:28:01,000 --> 00:28:02,920

She's expecting this, Steve.

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00:28:02,920 --> 00:28:03,720

Come on.

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00:28:03,720 --> 00:28:04,640

She was getting ready.

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00:28:04,640 --> 00:28:06,000

She just got out of the shower.

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00:28:06,000 --> 00:28:10,080

I approached her about sex, and we had sex before she left,

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00:28:10,080 --> 00:28:12,560

before she got dressed even.

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00:28:12,560 --> 00:28:15,360

I personally don't believe that that happened.

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00:28:15,360 --> 00:28:17,000

She wouldn't have been with Steve

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00:28:17,000 --> 00:28:19,800

before being with another man.

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00:28:19,800 --> 00:28:21,600

She hadn't been with Steve in a long time.

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00:28:21,600 --> 00:28:24,640

He's already sleeping on the couch.

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00:28:24,640 --> 00:28:28,160

Him coming over to take care of the kids

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00:28:28,160 --> 00:28:31,920

was more of a kindness gesture for him to be around his kids,

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00:28:31,920 --> 00:28:35,040

not for him to be around Kathy.

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00:28:35,040 --> 00:28:38,480

For Kathy's family, there is only one possible scenario,

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00:28:38,480 --> 00:28:40,160

a deadly scenario.

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00:28:40,160 --> 00:28:43,320

Sparked when Steve discovered two phone numbers,

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00:28:43,320 --> 00:28:45,840

one belonged to Kathy's friend Charlotte,

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00:28:45,840 --> 00:28:49,400

the other to the motel in Beaumont.

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00:28:49,400 --> 00:28:52,120

I was talking to a sister-in-law of Steve's,

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00:28:52,120 --> 00:28:54,400

and she said that she knew for a fact that Steve

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00:28:54,400 --> 00:28:55,880

made two phone calls.

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00:28:55,880 --> 00:29:00,440

Steve called this one number, and the girl answered,

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00:29:00,440 --> 00:29:02,960

and he hung up, and then the second phone number was called,

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00:29:02,960 --> 00:29:07,040

and they said the name of the hotel, and he hung up.

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00:29:07,040 --> 00:29:11,680

And so he already knew where she might be or was.

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00:29:11,680 --> 00:29:13,240

I feel like she came in that night,

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00:29:13,240 --> 00:29:15,400

come in the back door, ask you to park the car,

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00:29:15,400 --> 00:29:17,440

and he was sleeping sitting in the chair in the front room.

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00:29:17,440 --> 00:29:19,360

And when she went on in the bathroom,

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00:29:19,360 --> 00:29:21,560

and James Clove took a makeup off,

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00:29:21,560 --> 00:29:24,680

took a jury and all off, and he heard it,

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00:29:24,680 --> 00:29:27,240

probably in the bathroom.

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00:29:27,240 --> 00:29:29,840

And he got up and demanded sex with her or whatever,

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00:29:29,840 --> 00:29:32,160

got in a fight.

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00:29:32,160 --> 00:29:34,760

Kathy's family believes the fight escalated.

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00:29:34,760 --> 00:29:36,880

Steve Page raped Kathy.

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00:29:36,880 --> 00:29:40,680

In the process, he strangled her.

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00:29:40,680 --> 00:29:43,120

Then Steve realizing what had happened,

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00:29:43,120 --> 00:29:44,480

he wants to redress her.

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00:29:44,480 --> 00:29:46,480

If you look at the violent crime profile,

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00:29:46,480 --> 00:29:48,880

it fits into a tee, you know, the remorse.

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00:29:48,880 --> 00:29:49,960

You want to redress.

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00:29:49,960 --> 00:29:52,920

You don't want them to be found naked or bloody.

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00:29:52,920 --> 00:29:57,360

So there was a detempt to clean her up and redress her.

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00:29:57,360 --> 00:30:00,760

But things were forgotten, for instance, her jewelry

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00:30:00,760 --> 00:30:03,880

and her socks.

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00:30:03,880 --> 00:30:08,000

The reason it comes down on me is because I'm the husband.

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00:30:08,000 --> 00:30:11,760

I'm the estranged husband, to make it even worse.

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00:30:11,760 --> 00:30:16,440

And because of her actions, I am being blamed for her actions.

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00:30:16,920 --> 00:30:20,120

She was out seeing another guy.

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00:30:20,120 --> 00:30:22,560

So therefore, it could only have been me.

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00:30:22,560 --> 00:30:26,000

I must have found out somehow, how, according to the police,

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00:30:26,000 --> 00:30:30,840

and became enraged and committed murder.

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00:30:30,840 --> 00:30:35,640

Steve Page has his own theory on the identity of Kathy's killer.

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00:30:35,640 --> 00:30:40,120

I received threats on the phone that the same thing that

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00:30:40,120 --> 00:30:42,440

happened to my wife could happen to me.

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00:30:42,440 --> 00:30:46,000

There was a name of a certain person here in Beaumont

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00:30:46,000 --> 00:30:49,640

that was bandied about as a person who may have been involved.

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00:30:49,640 --> 00:30:56,120

It's a very prominent family, an Italian family, even,

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00:30:56,120 --> 00:30:57,880

to let you know that they're considered

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00:30:57,880 --> 00:30:59,080

part of the Beaumont mafia.

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00:31:17,000 --> 00:31:21,040

Next, a frightening accident.

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00:31:21,040 --> 00:31:23,960

A woman on the brink of death, a timely rescue

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00:31:23,960 --> 00:31:25,440

by an unknown Good Samaritan.

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00:31:33,840 --> 00:31:38,440

September 7, 1995, dusk on a four-lane highway near Ocala,

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00:31:38,440 --> 00:31:41,320

Florida.

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00:31:41,320 --> 00:31:44,680

48-year-old Wilma Drew was just a mile from home.

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00:31:44,680 --> 00:31:48,560

She had driven up this hill hundreds of times.

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00:31:48,560 --> 00:31:51,440

But this night, disaster was lurking.

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00:31:51,440 --> 00:31:53,840

A few miles away, a car had entered the highway

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00:31:53,840 --> 00:31:55,840

going the wrong way.

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00:31:55,840 --> 00:31:59,240

Now it was headed straight for Wilma at 55 miles an hour.

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00:32:03,480 --> 00:32:07,560

David Vittetto was driving right behind Wilma.

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00:32:07,560 --> 00:32:09,760

As we were approaching the crest,

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00:32:09,760 --> 00:32:12,000

saw headlights approaching us.

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00:32:12,000 --> 00:32:14,840

And the minute the lights came into view,

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00:32:14,840 --> 00:32:17,160

I immediately tried to get over in the right hand lane

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00:32:17,160 --> 00:32:17,960

to avoid the collision.

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00:32:24,680 --> 00:32:29,200

I automatically, just in my gut, knew

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00:32:29,200 --> 00:32:30,440

that somebody was going to be dead.

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00:32:35,520 --> 00:32:37,880

David raced to help the victims.

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00:32:37,880 --> 00:32:39,640

The driver and passenger in the wrong way

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00:32:39,640 --> 00:32:43,240

of the car seemed to be moving.

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00:32:43,240 --> 00:32:44,880

Wilma was not.

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00:32:44,880 --> 00:32:46,680

She was pinned in her car.

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00:32:46,680 --> 00:32:49,760

The steering column wedged up against her chest.

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00:32:49,760 --> 00:32:52,760

The driver's window was open, but the other windows

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00:32:52,760 --> 00:32:54,200

and all the doors were jammed.

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00:32:57,320 --> 00:32:58,320

You go out of my truck.

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00:32:58,320 --> 00:32:59,720

I'll get a tool.

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00:32:59,720 --> 00:33:01,960

I decided to run back to the truck to grab a tire too.

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00:33:01,960 --> 00:33:04,560

I'll try to pry the door open or whatever

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00:33:04,560 --> 00:33:08,360

I could do to try to get into a sister possibly better.

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00:33:08,360 --> 00:33:12,840

Another good Samaritan, Matthew White, also stopped to help.

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00:33:12,840 --> 00:33:16,000

The two men didn't know it, but Wilma's neck had been broken,

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00:33:16,000 --> 00:33:18,120

cutting off her air passage.

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00:33:18,120 --> 00:33:21,600

Wilma was suffocating.

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00:33:21,600 --> 00:33:26,120

All the doors are jammed from the impact.

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00:33:26,120 --> 00:33:29,240

Her driver's side window was busted out on the driver's side

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00:33:29,240 --> 00:33:30,040

door.

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00:33:30,040 --> 00:33:33,920

So that's all we could do is reach through there.

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00:33:33,920 --> 00:33:35,280

And we couldn't break the windows out,

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00:33:35,280 --> 00:33:37,840

so we were trying to get someone who

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00:33:37,840 --> 00:33:39,720

has something that could break the window.

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00:33:39,720 --> 00:33:40,320

There we go.

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00:33:40,320 --> 00:33:41,800

To the house.

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00:33:41,800 --> 00:33:43,200

Stop, stop.

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00:33:43,200 --> 00:33:45,400

David tried flagging down help.

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00:33:45,400 --> 00:33:47,400

A tanker truck stopped.

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00:33:47,400 --> 00:33:50,920

Remarkably, the driver seemed to know exactly what to do

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00:33:50,920 --> 00:33:51,760

and how to do it.

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00:33:57,640 --> 00:33:58,600

You get it open?

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00:33:58,600 --> 00:33:59,920

Just a little out of your truck.

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00:33:59,920 --> 00:34:00,680

Where do you stand back?

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00:34:04,240 --> 00:34:07,800

After I busted the window, he climbed in into the back seat

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00:34:08,720 --> 00:34:12,560

and reached over and lifted and held Wilma's head up.

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00:34:16,200 --> 00:34:17,360

Wilma took a breath.

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00:34:19,920 --> 00:34:20,680

Is she breathing?

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00:34:20,680 --> 00:34:21,480

Yeah.

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00:34:21,480 --> 00:34:22,480

Let's get this thing off her.

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00:34:22,480 --> 00:34:24,280

Give her some room.

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00:34:24,280 --> 00:34:25,320

You got it?

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00:34:25,320 --> 00:34:27,800

Matthew and David struggled to lift the steering column

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00:34:27,800 --> 00:34:29,440

off Wilma's chest.

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00:34:29,440 --> 00:34:30,720

Come on.

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00:34:30,720 --> 00:34:33,800

The trucker meanwhile kept her neck motionless.

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00:34:33,800 --> 00:34:36,080

It seemed like ours, but the ambulance

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00:34:36,080 --> 00:34:37,200

arrived 10 minutes later.

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00:34:55,200 --> 00:34:57,480

Hey, sir, I need you to let go and come out of the car, OK?

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00:34:57,480 --> 00:35:00,080

I'm not letting go until you put a brace around her neck.

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00:35:00,080 --> 00:35:03,560

And the paramedic was just insistent that he let go of her

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00:35:03,560 --> 00:35:05,680

head and get out of the car.

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00:35:05,680 --> 00:35:08,160

And the man would not let go of her head

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00:35:08,160 --> 00:35:13,440

until I held it while he got out and the paramedic got in.

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00:35:13,440 --> 00:35:14,240

You got her?

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00:35:14,240 --> 00:35:15,120

You got her gently.

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00:35:15,120 --> 00:35:16,120

Yeah, I got her.

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00:35:18,680 --> 00:35:20,720

Wilma was stabilized.

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00:35:20,720 --> 00:35:22,320

In the midst of the commotion, no one

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00:35:22,320 --> 00:35:24,160

saw the truck driver leave.

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00:35:24,160 --> 00:35:26,160

No one had a chance to get more than a glimpse

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00:35:26,160 --> 00:35:28,840

of what he looked like.

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00:35:28,840 --> 00:35:32,040

Wilma's husband came upon the crash scene a short time later.

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00:35:32,840 --> 00:35:35,280

When I saw the vehicle, in my mind,

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00:35:35,280 --> 00:35:38,480

nobody could have lived through it.

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00:35:38,480 --> 00:35:42,080

I remember a lady ask me if that was my car,

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00:35:42,080 --> 00:35:44,320

and I said, yes, and my wife's dead.

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00:35:44,320 --> 00:35:45,640

And she says, no, she isn't.

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00:35:45,640 --> 00:35:49,960

They just left here where they're in the helicopter.

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00:35:49,960 --> 00:35:52,400

It would take 11 operations nearly a year

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00:35:52,400 --> 00:35:54,880

to begin to repair the damage.

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00:35:54,880 --> 00:35:58,000

Wilma's right leg had nearly been torn in half.

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00:35:58,000 --> 00:35:59,480

Her left ankle was shattered.

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00:35:59,520 --> 00:36:01,520

Her brainstem was so damaged that it

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00:36:01,520 --> 00:36:03,880

caused permanent double vision.

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00:36:03,880 --> 00:36:06,080

And the C2 vertebra and Wilma's neck

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00:36:06,080 --> 00:36:08,640

was completely severed.

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00:36:08,640 --> 00:36:11,640

The neurosurgeon told us that the break that she sustained

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00:36:11,640 --> 00:36:13,760

was called the hangman's break.

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00:36:13,760 --> 00:36:17,000

And it's typically what would happen in the old days

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00:36:17,000 --> 00:36:19,200

in the West when somebody would drop from a gallows,

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00:36:19,200 --> 00:36:22,840

the way the body would pull and jerk at the end.

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00:36:22,840 --> 00:36:26,840

And what he told us was he's never seen anybody survive that.

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00:36:26,880 --> 00:36:29,600

She's the only one he's ever seen surviving.

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00:36:29,600 --> 00:36:32,720

And he can't understand why she's still alive.

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00:36:32,720 --> 00:36:36,600

And that was kind of eerie.

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00:36:36,600 --> 00:36:40,000

I consider myself extremely fortunate.

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00:36:40,000 --> 00:36:44,440

And I've never really questioned why me.

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00:36:44,440 --> 00:36:47,440

I mean, I don't know why it happened to me.

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00:36:47,440 --> 00:36:50,440

But I know that there is a purpose for it.

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00:36:50,440 --> 00:36:54,480

And it's even peculiar to me that I'm

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00:36:55,480 --> 00:36:59,640

It's even peculiar that I've never experienced any anger.

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00:36:59,640 --> 00:37:01,520

I'm just very thankful to be alive.

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00:37:05,520 --> 00:37:07,280

The neurosurgeon said it was a miracle

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00:37:07,280 --> 00:37:10,160

that he didn't actually kill her in the process of lifting

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00:37:10,160 --> 00:37:10,880

her head.

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00:37:10,880 --> 00:37:12,280

She breathed?

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00:37:12,280 --> 00:37:16,440

But that he just he did it exactly right.

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00:37:16,440 --> 00:37:20,440

Had he done it any different, it wouldn't have worked.

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00:37:20,440 --> 00:37:23,320

He gave the doctor something to work with.

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00:37:23,520 --> 00:37:27,280

And he just saved her life and gave her back to us.

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00:37:31,120 --> 00:37:35,840

She is not the same person physically as she was.

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00:37:35,840 --> 00:37:37,560

She has limitations.

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00:37:37,560 --> 00:37:39,080

There's very little that she can do.

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00:37:39,080 --> 00:37:40,520

She tires easy.

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00:37:40,520 --> 00:37:43,280

And she has different sensations in her hands

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00:37:43,280 --> 00:37:46,720

like she can't tell heat and cold.

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00:37:46,720 --> 00:37:48,640

But now I consider myself the most

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00:37:48,640 --> 00:37:50,400

worst person in the world to have her back.

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00:37:53,560 --> 00:37:57,120

Thank you just really seems so insignificant

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00:37:57,120 --> 00:38:02,360

as far as the way we feel about the gratitude we have

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00:38:02,360 --> 00:38:06,160

that someone would take the time to get involved

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00:38:06,160 --> 00:38:11,160

and to do all he did for me and then just disappear.

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00:38:18,640 --> 00:38:30,200

Next, a young woman would like your help

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00:38:30,200 --> 00:38:33,600

to find her mother who disappeared 20 years ago.

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00:38:42,680 --> 00:38:47,640

A beautiful bride, a handsome groom, a fairytale wedding,

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00:38:47,680 --> 00:38:51,120

except for one sad detail.

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00:38:51,120 --> 00:38:53,560

The mother of the bride is missing.

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00:38:53,560 --> 00:38:56,600

She vanished from her daughter's life 23 years ago

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00:38:56,600 --> 00:38:59,040

and never returned.

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00:38:59,040 --> 00:39:00,800

She's still my mother.

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00:39:00,800 --> 00:39:04,760

And I still love her as a mother.

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00:39:04,760 --> 00:39:07,480

Just to see her.

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00:39:07,480 --> 00:39:08,920

Just to know that she's OK.

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00:39:12,400 --> 00:39:15,160

But the father of the bride, Robert Wortman,

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00:39:15,160 --> 00:39:19,200

has always been there for his daughter Stella Wortman-Hutt.

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00:39:19,200 --> 00:39:21,520

He has raised her since she was three.

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00:39:21,520 --> 00:39:24,120

And he believes that his former wife would have cherished

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00:39:24,120 --> 00:39:29,040

her daughter's special day and more.

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00:39:29,040 --> 00:39:32,560

She's missed so much of Stella's life.

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00:39:32,560 --> 00:39:35,000

Slumber parties, chicken pops, graduation,

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00:39:35,000 --> 00:39:36,480

and stuff like that there.

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00:39:36,480 --> 00:39:39,760

There's no need for her to miss any more.

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00:39:39,760 --> 00:39:42,480

Stella is now in her late 20s.

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00:39:42,520 --> 00:39:45,800

Her mother disappeared in 1975.

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00:39:45,800 --> 00:39:48,800

Stella often lies awake at night and wonders.

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00:39:48,800 --> 00:39:51,080

Why did her mother walk out of her family's life?

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00:39:54,240 --> 00:39:57,440

In 1972, Stella's father, Robert Wortman,

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00:39:57,440 --> 00:40:00,760

was a 22-year-old serving in the Air Force in Seoul, South

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00:40:00,760 --> 00:40:02,200

Korea.

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00:40:02,200 --> 00:40:04,600

He fell in love with a 20-year-old Korean woman

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00:40:04,600 --> 00:40:06,400

named Ook Cha.

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00:40:06,400 --> 00:40:09,920

Robert nicknamed her Sonny.

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00:40:09,920 --> 00:40:12,720

I realize now we're both from two different cultures.

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00:40:12,720 --> 00:40:16,400

And both of us were very young at the time.

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00:40:16,400 --> 00:40:19,480

Despite the odds against them, the couple married.

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00:40:19,480 --> 00:40:22,240

They welcomed their new baby a year later.

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00:40:22,240 --> 00:40:26,840

She was named Stella after Robert's mother.

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00:40:26,840 --> 00:40:30,280

The new family relocated to Tokyo, Japan.

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00:40:30,280 --> 00:40:34,280

Robert was to be stationed there for the next four years.

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00:40:34,280 --> 00:40:35,520

I remember my mom.

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00:40:35,520 --> 00:40:37,520

She worked at Ice Cream Paller.

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00:40:37,520 --> 00:40:40,360

And this was when I was about three.

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00:40:40,360 --> 00:40:43,480

That's basically that all I remember.

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00:40:43,480 --> 00:40:46,160

Sonny worked on the base to help support them.

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00:40:46,160 --> 00:40:49,400

Life was good, at least for the moment.

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00:40:49,400 --> 00:40:50,800

Hi, you want some ice cream?

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00:40:54,520 --> 00:40:58,600

Her mother took on a second job, working nights as a waitress.

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00:40:58,600 --> 00:41:00,920

Sonny seemed to live a double life.

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00:41:00,920 --> 00:41:01,960

She was rarely home.

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00:41:01,960 --> 00:41:07,760

My dad said that she hung around people who were kind of

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00:41:07,760 --> 00:41:10,640

into the wrong things, weren't really family oriented.

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00:41:10,640 --> 00:41:14,000

And he believes that she just wanted

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00:41:14,000 --> 00:41:15,880

to be around those people all the time.

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00:41:15,880 --> 00:41:18,080

That basically came first for her.

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00:41:21,440 --> 00:41:23,360

Tensions between husband and wife

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00:41:23,360 --> 00:41:25,760

continue to drive them apart.

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00:41:25,760 --> 00:41:28,160

Finally, they agree that Stella should spend time

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00:41:28,160 --> 00:41:29,560

with Robert's relatives.

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00:41:29,560 --> 00:41:32,800

Like most people, we had some family problems and stuff.

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00:41:32,800 --> 00:41:37,000

And I tried to work them out.

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00:41:37,000 --> 00:41:39,880

I thought it'd be best to get her into a more stable family,

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00:41:39,880 --> 00:41:41,960

which I brought her back to the United States

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00:41:41,960 --> 00:41:44,120

to my mother's program.

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00:41:44,120 --> 00:41:45,120

What are you doing?

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00:41:45,120 --> 00:41:47,200

Honey, oh, it's so good to see you.

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00:41:47,200 --> 00:41:48,200

Give me a kiss.

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00:41:48,200 --> 00:41:49,720

Give your grandma a kiss.

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00:41:49,720 --> 00:41:51,760

Oh, girl, you're looking so good.

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00:41:51,760 --> 00:41:52,920

Hi, Robert.

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00:41:52,920 --> 00:41:53,920

Come on in.

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00:41:53,920 --> 00:41:54,920

I'm going to get you a kiss.

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00:41:54,920 --> 00:41:55,920

I'm going to get you a kiss.

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00:41:55,920 --> 00:41:56,920

I'm going to get you a kiss.

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00:41:56,920 --> 00:41:57,920

I'm going to get you a kiss.

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00:41:58,120 --> 00:41:59,440

Hi, Robert.

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00:41:59,440 --> 00:42:01,400

Come on inside.

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00:42:01,400 --> 00:42:04,680

Robert returned to Japan, hoping to patch up his marriage

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00:42:04,680 --> 00:42:09,160

and bring Sonny back with him to America.

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00:42:09,160 --> 00:42:13,640

Robert and Sonny worked out their differences, or so it seemed.

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00:42:13,640 --> 00:42:17,240

They were granted a transfer to New Jersey to be with Stella,

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00:42:17,240 --> 00:42:18,720

but there was one hitch.

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00:42:18,720 --> 00:42:21,120

So you'll be back on the 19th?

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Yes, I just need a couple weeks.

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00:42:23,120 --> 00:42:26,280

Sonny said she wanted to see her family in South Korea

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00:42:26,280 --> 00:42:27,080

one last time.

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00:42:27,280 --> 00:42:28,280

Goodbye.

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00:42:28,280 --> 00:42:29,280

Goodbye.

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00:42:32,280 --> 00:42:36,600

But Robert had no idea that his wife had other plans in mind.

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00:42:36,600 --> 00:42:39,600

She was about to walk out of his life and Stella's.

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00:42:42,800 --> 00:42:45,080

What would motivate a mother to leave her child

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00:42:45,080 --> 00:42:47,560

without even saying goodbye?

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00:42:47,560 --> 00:42:52,160

Why would she keep this terrible secret from her husband?

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00:42:52,160 --> 00:42:56,360

Those very questions haunt Stella to this day.

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00:42:56,360 --> 00:43:00,360

I want to be able to ask her why she didn't show up for the day

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00:43:00,360 --> 00:43:04,200

when she was supposed to come with my father to New Jersey.

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00:43:04,200 --> 00:43:06,640

Why Sonny disappeared remains a mystery.

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Robert eventually remarried and had another daughter.

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Stella adored her stepmother, but often struggled

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with her own identity.

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I knew being Oriental, you know, that I had a mom who

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00:43:21,200 --> 00:43:21,920

was Oriental.

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I knew back in the back of my mind

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00:43:23,680 --> 00:43:27,120

that I had a real mother somewhere just didn't know who she was

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00:43:27,120 --> 00:43:29,760

or where she was.

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00:43:29,760 --> 00:43:31,480

I thought about her, and I did miss her.

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00:43:31,480 --> 00:43:33,240

Like on Mother's Day, I would think about her.

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00:43:33,240 --> 00:43:34,840

On my birthday, I would think about her.

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00:43:34,840 --> 00:43:37,720

And it would cross my mind, like, did she ever think about me?

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00:43:44,360 --> 00:43:48,440

But in 1985, Stella received a surprise in the mail.

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Out of the blue, Sonny had sent her daughter

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00:43:52,120 --> 00:43:53,880

four dresses and a stuffed animal.

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00:43:57,440 --> 00:44:01,280

Oh, look at that.

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00:44:01,280 --> 00:44:04,800

Oh, that's going to look nice on you.

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00:44:04,800 --> 00:44:06,840

It made me feel really, really good.

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00:44:06,840 --> 00:44:09,880

It felt good to know that she still thought about me,

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00:44:09,880 --> 00:44:13,040

that I crossed her mind.

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00:44:13,040 --> 00:44:16,120

Remember, I cried every time I held the stuffed animal.

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00:44:16,160 --> 00:44:18,400

I would just cry and hold it and go to sleep with it

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00:44:18,400 --> 00:44:24,040

and just snuggle it and just take it everywhere I went.

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00:44:24,040 --> 00:44:26,960

Now there's an extra incentive for Sonny to reunite with Stella.

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She could meet her grandson, six-year-old Darius.

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It's time to forgive and forget.

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00:44:35,720 --> 00:44:36,880

She probably has a new life.

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00:44:36,880 --> 00:44:38,240

I do too.

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00:44:38,240 --> 00:44:40,720

But Stella's part of our life.

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00:44:40,720 --> 00:44:42,080

So, you know, life's too short.

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00:44:42,080 --> 00:44:43,280

Let's enjoy the time.

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Join us next time.

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Perhaps you may help solve a mystery.