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The terrorist bomb killed one and injured more than 100 at the Atlanta Summer Olympics.

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A series of deadly bombings aimed at seemingly unrelated targets soon followed.

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Authorities now believe a single man was behind each of these brutal attacks.

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And they need your help to bring him to justice.

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A young couple's long anticipated dream of owning their own home tragically unravels

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when their new next door neighbor allegedly turns out to be a violent racist.

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In the cases of Jessica, Constance and Albert Wong, looks can truly be deceiving.

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They may appear to be typical young people, but they are anything but typical.

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Jessica and Albert you see are geniuses, and their astonishing gifts make for a mesmerizing

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mystery of the mind.

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Molly?

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Molly?

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When her daughter Molly disappeared from the local pond, Maggie Bish was paralyzed by grief.

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But now she will stop at nothing to fight out what happened to Molly.

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In fact, she may even hold the key to solving the crime.

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The day before Molly disappeared, Maggie believes she saw the man who abducted her daughter.

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The End

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Centennial Park, Atlanta during a 1996 summer Olympics.

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Six months later, at Daybreak, a clinic in suburban Atlanta.

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The Other Side Lounge, a midtown Atlantic gay and lesbian nightclub, one month later.

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Three seemingly unrelated bombings that authorities believe have a common link.

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Could the same man be behind each terrorist attack?

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Millions of people around the world were shaken by the Olympic Park bombing.

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Security guard Richard Joule, who was an early suspect, was cleared of any wrongdoing.

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And the person responsible for panning with the FBI called one of the largest pipe bombs

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in U.S. history has yet to be caught.

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For those in Centennial Park that fateful night, their lives were changed forever.

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The End

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Fallon Stubbs and her mother Alice Hawthorne were visiting from Albany, Georgia.

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The last-minute trip was a 14th birthday gift for Fallon.

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We were enjoying the moment, enjoying the people.

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It was an experience like no other.

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And you know, to be in that kind of surroundings, it just kind of, it was a beautiful thing.

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Just before 1.20 a.m., Fallon and her mother pause to take a photograph, a memento of a wonderful night.

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One, two, three.

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The massive explosion knocked Fallon and her mother to the ground.

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After the explosion, it was chaos.

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You never forget that moment afterwards.

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And I ran towards anybody who could help.

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I probably got about 15 feet away from my mother.

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And it was like, lay down, lay down.

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And I was like, my mother, my mother, somebody's got to help my mother.

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44-year-old Alice Hawthorne had died instantly from injury sustained in the attack.

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Although hundreds were injured, she was the only person killed by the bomb planted at Centennial Park.

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A task force of federal and state investigators was quickly assembled to apprehend the terrorist behind the vicious attack.

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Over the next seven months, Atlanta was subjected to two more bombings,

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but an even more disturbing trend had developed.

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The bomber was not planning a secondary device,

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apparently designed to harm police and rescue personnel who responded to victims of the first bomb.

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Adding to the frustrations of police, investigations that not indicate a specific suspect.

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We were building a good, prosecutable court case based upon the forensic evidence we had where we could tie the bombs together,

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but we still didn't know the identity of the bomber. We didn't know who he was.

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FBI and ATF technicians meticulously reconstructed the devices and found forensic links between all three bombings.

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In the wake of the third incident, authorities received letters from the so-called Army of God claiming responsibility for the last two bombings,

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attacks on a family planning an abortion clinic, and on a gay and lesbian nightclub.

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In the letters he got into the components of the bomb, which had not been made public at that time,

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so we knew the letters were written by the bomber.

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Those who participate in any way in the murder of children may be targeted for attack.

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We will target sodomites, their organizations, and all those who push their agenda.

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We will target all facilities and personnel of the federal government.

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You got three fairly distinct different groups of people that were targets,

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and so we began to wonder exactly who his targets were.

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An FBI profiler analyzed the letters and the details of all three bombings.

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His conclusion? The bomber's true target was law enforcement.

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Birmingham, Alabama, 11 months after the 3rd Atlanta bombing.

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Head nurse Emily Lyons arrived early for work at a woman's health and abortion clinic.

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Off-duty police officer Robert Sanderson was working there as a security guard.

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Hey, family.

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Hey, family.

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How are you doing?

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We met on the sidewalk in front of the clinic, and we talked for a moment.

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Just then, they spotted something that looked strangely out of place.

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There was an overturned flowerpot kind of buried a little bit,

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and that was not anything we would have ever had.

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So at that point, Sandy knew something was wrong.

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Apparently sensing danger, Sanderson instructed Emily to back away.

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The explosion killed security guard Robert Sanderson instantly.

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Emily Lyons lost her left eye in the explosion.

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Dozens of masonry nails and screws tore through 90% of her body.

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Robert Sanderson left behind a wife and two sons.

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He had been a Birmingham police officer for eight years.

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Task force members immediately believed the man they were hunting had achieved his objective,

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the murder of a law enforcement officer.

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But this time, the authorities caught a break.

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Forensics would later reveal that the bomber had detonated this device by remote control,

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which meant one thing, the bomber was there.

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That increased his chances of killing police officers,

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but it also directly increased his chances of being identified and caught.

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Just after the explosion, a witness saw a man walking away from the scene.

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When the man removed a wig and discarded it, the witness became suspicious and began pursuing him on foot.

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The witness observed the suspicious man getting into a pickup truck,

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and before losing him, relayed the license plate number to police.

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The grey Nissan truck was traced to a man named Eric Rudolph who resided in western North Carolina.

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A warrant was issued for the arrest of the 31-year-old Rudolph.

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FBI, search for him! Come out of your hands up!

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Investigators learned where Eric Rudolph lived, an FBI SWAT team raided Rudolph's trailer.

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Last one's clear.

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The trader's air conditioner was still running and food was still on the table.

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Investigators believed they missed Eric Rudolph by minutes.

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He told friends and associates when he was a teenager that if he got in trouble with law enforcement,

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he would disappear into the mountains, and we feel that this is something that he was planning for a long time.

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250 law enforcement officers converged on the Nanta Heala National Forest after Rudolph's truck was found abandoned nearby.

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But Eric Rudolph had vanished.

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He grew up in the woods. He knew the terrain much better than we did.

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And there are places that we knew very well that we could have walked within five feet of him, and we would not have seen him.

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Eric Rudolph would prove a formidable adversary.

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Investigators learned he'd been raised in a family that reportedly preached white separatism.

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The experienced outdoorsmen and survivalists had also served in the U.S. Army.

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Deborah Rudolph was married to Eric's brother and had known Eric since he was a teenager.

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I never really heard him talk about positive things. It was a lot of hateful things, a lot of negativity.

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You know, about authority and our gun laws and government and politics.

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The last known sighting of Eric Rudolph was made by a man who had known Rudolph for years.

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George Nordman was a local health food store owner who lived in a remote mountain cabin.

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What the hell are you doing here? I need your help, man.

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When Eric approached him about food stuff, George made the decision not to help Eric, and I believe became somewhat frightened of him.

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Two nights later, Nordman's home warehouse was raided of several hundred pounds of food and his truck was stolen.

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It was believed Rudolph had made a return visit.

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Eric Rudolph has not been seen since July 1998.

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Eric Rudolph was not a joiner. We found no evidence that he ever was a member of a militia.

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He was someone who had a streak of paranoia about him. He also liked being alone.

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So we don't believe that any group is helping him.

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I think this is a game to him.

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He wanted to be in Special Forces. He wanted to be a mercenary.

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He is a one-man army, and he has got the authorities running around looking for him, spending millions of dollars.

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The alleged victims of Eric Rudolph's bombs have moved on, but will never forget.

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The end for me will be to find him and to find him.

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It will be a beginning of a whole other book, but it will be an end to that book.

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I was just silent and it was a long time coming.

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As they struck out for their new life in Denver, Colorado,

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Deborah Loisel and her fiancée Jason Horsley were brimming with optimism about what this move would bring.

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Having been raised in rural areas, the college sweethearts were excited

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with the prospects of living in a big city for the first time.

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Deborah and Jason would eventually purchase a house in one of Denver's tree-lined inner-city neighborhoods.

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They quickly fell in love with their new surroundings.

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All was well, until one afternoon, a short time after they moved in,

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Deborah had a strange encounter with a neighbor.

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Hello? What's going on?

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She's a drunkard dog. The dog's crazy.

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I saw you harassing her.

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Anybody harassing that dog?

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Okay, listen, let's start over, all right?

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We're going to be neighbors, so let's get along.

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Deborah would later learn her angry neighbor was Malika Griffin,

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a woman who rented a room in the house next door.

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When you can't talk to someone, it's kind of scary.

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It just made no sense that someone should start attacking us this way.

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Jason Horsley and Deborah Loisel had realized every young couple's dream of buying their own home.

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But their optimism would soon dim with the discovery that their innocent purchase had caused them

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to cross paths with their rational neighbor Malika Griffin.

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As police later discovered, Griffin was a ticking time bomb that could go off at any moment.

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Deborah and Jason were committed to making the best of a bad situation,

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happily pouring time and money into transforming a former crack house into their new home.

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They had actually put the incident with Malika Griffin behind them

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when without any provocation she became enraged again.

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Hey, you need to move your truck.

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What? I'm in a normal swap. There's no other parking places.

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Although she didn't own a car, Griffin didn't want anyone parking

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in the public space in front of the house.

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Attempts at reasoning with her proved futile.

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You can't live in fear in your own house.

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And it wasn't anything about the neighborhood.

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I mean, it was just this one woman, you know?

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I never felt threatened in my neighborhood.

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Within days, Jason was confronted again.

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What are you doing? What's the problem?

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You got your lad on my property.

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He had asked the landlady of the house if he could put the ladder there and she said,

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yes, go ahead. Well, Malika didn't know or she didn't want to know that the lady had said,

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yeah, go ahead and put it there.

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He couldn't see the evil. He just, he didn't understand evil.

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His philosophy was, you get to know me, you won't hate me.

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And I tried and tried to explain to him, some people don't want to know you.

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Even though the anger behind the confrontations was escalating,

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Jason still believed he could win over Malika.

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You know what, I'm going to get some of my tools out of my truck.

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When we got home, I said, don't go out there. Don't go.

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And he said, no, I'm going to clean my truck.

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So I went out back to water the flowers.

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Jason, are you okay? What happened? Oh my God.

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There was no doubt in Deborah's mind who was responsible.

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He's been shot. He's been shot.

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Oh my God.

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The neighbor drove Jason to the hospital.

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The bullet had caused extensive internal injuries.

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While emergency room doctors struggled to save Jason's life,

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Deborah was questioned by police.

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We just got word from the hospital. Jason didn't make it.

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I'm sorry.

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I'm sorry.

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Investigators later learned that while Deborah was being questioned,

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Malika Griffin carjacked an acquaintance several blocks from the murder scene.

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Malika Griffin took the keys at gunpoint.

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She then fled Denver in the victim's 1988 Oldsmobile.

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When Denver police searched the home of Malika Griffin,

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detectives were stunned by what they found.

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We found books and paperwork that she had on how to make bombs and booby traps.

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We also found dummy hand grenades.

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The fuse was intact, but the cores had been removed.

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The anarchist cookbook and the poor man's James Bond,

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manuals often found in the collections of terrorists,

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were among the literature recovered at the scene.

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Notebooks filled with Griffin's ramblings,

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advocating a coming race war and the killing of white people were also discovered.

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Authorities now believe they had confirmation.

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A racially motivated killer was on the loose.

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She eluded our drag net.

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The next time we found that car was approximately two and a half days later

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in Iowa City where the car had broken down.

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She befriended a man in Iowa City.

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He took her to a bus station and put her on a bus for Chicago.

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After Chicago, Malika Griffin's trail grew cold.

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Since then, there have been no verifiable sightings.

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You lose a kid and you think about him all the time.

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Every hour. Every day.

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I had future plans with Jason, you know.

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He was an extremely positive person, so I tried to live my life the way he would.

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I'm not going to feel sorry for myself and I keep going on.

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He would never hurt anybody.

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And I don't believe I'll meet someone like him again.

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On rare occasions, the world has been introduced to children who possess seemingly mysterious powers to excel in the worlds of art and science.

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Mozart began composing at the age of five.

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Bobby Fisher competed with chess grandmasters when he was only six.

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The incredible talents of such young geniuses have fascinated and puzzled scholars for centuries.

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What can possibly explain the phenomenon of child prodigies?

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Meet Jessica Consent of Queens, New York.

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She may look like a typical teenager, but at 14, she's already a college student.

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Jessica attends New York City Technical College, where she has studied since she was 12 years old.

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Oh, I used to hate the first days because I would have to walk into class and everybody'd be staring at me.

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I was so scared, but now I'm used to it.

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I want to become a doctor, but I'm going to become a nurse before.

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Microbiology and child psychology are the only two courses I have left before I enter the nursing program.

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Then after I do two years of that, I get my associate's degree, then I'm going to go to medical school.

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But Jessica's interests are not solely confined to academics.

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Jessica is also an accomplished cellist who attends a prestigious Juilliard School of Music.

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Along with her two older brothers, she makes up the constant trio.

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Jessica, Daniel and Pierre have performed at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C.

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Remarkably, neither parent has any musical talent themselves, and they are awed by the artistry of their children.

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Sometimes when I look at the kid playing, I wish I could be the one playing instead of having to listen.

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I never thought I would have it in my own house.

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When I see the kid doing three years together, it's fantastic.

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It's kind of like a dream come true for me.

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What mysterious set of circumstances contributes to a child having such extraordinary talents?

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David Henry Feldman, professor of child development at Tufts University, has studied the phenomenon of child prodigies.

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What causes prodigies?

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It seems to be a combination of timing and talent and the right circumstances,

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all occurring during the same moment and sustaining itself for at least ten years.

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So a prodigy is a child with unusual talent who appears in a society that has value for that talent.

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Feldman notes that very few scientific studies have been performed relating to child prodigies.

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The knowledge base is extremely limited.

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Recently a change has been observed in relation to the gender of the typical prodigy.

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However, that change may be a matter of media publicity.

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There have historically been more boys than girls who have been called prodigies.

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In recent years, that has tended to reverse itself such that there are now pretty much an equal number of boy and girl prodigies in music.

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If you want to say, ask why such a change occurred, the answer is because society has taken an interest in finding girl prodigies.

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As amazing as Jessica Constance is, once in a great while a child prodigy will be born with even a rarer type of genius,

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one which expresses itself in many areas at once.

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At age twelve, Albert Wong of Carrollton, Texas is so smart he no longer attends school at all.

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Albert is already an accomplished violinist, teaches himself a wide variety of subjects from college textbooks,

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and is famous in the world of music as a concert pianist.

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Music

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It's very rare when you find a musical prodigy, it's very rare when you find a child who is so talented at academic work that they need to move at such a rapid pace.

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The combination of those two things in one child is extremely rare.

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Each appears separately, infrequently, the combination appears almost never.

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Albert Wong first has played his mysterious musical talents when he was just three years old.

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Yet by the time he was five, he had already won the grand prize in a Dallas piano competition for children up to eighteen.

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Music

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Applause

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Wanting to nurture their only child's mystifying gift, Albert's parents took him shopping for a concert grand piano of his own.

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To test the pianos, I believe I was playing a piece.

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It was about the third piano I was playing on, and then this gentleman just walked over.

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Actually, himself is a professional musician, so he came over, introduced himself, and said actually very directly,

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say that Albert is very talented and I know just the right teacher for him.

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Albert began taking lessons at once.

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Eventually, Albert came under the tutelage of renowned former prodigy Earl Wilde.

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New York's world-famous Carnegie Hall.

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At the conclusion of Earl Wilde's performance celebrating his eighty-fifth birthday,

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ten-year-old Albert Wong was invited on stage to present his esteemed instructor with the bouquet.

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This is Albert Wong. He's ten years old, but he's a pianist also.

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Mr. Wilde stunned everyone, especially Albert, by announcing that Albert would be playing an impromptu piece.

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Humble's Rondo and E-flat...

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Hey, I had not touched a piano in six days, and I mean, I didn't even have a chance to warm my fingers.

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Albert's performance of Humble's Rondo and E-flat major brought down the house.

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That same year, still at age ten, Albert recorded his first CD.

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The work recede brave reviews. One critic wrote,

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An impressive debut for any musician. For a ten-year-old, it is astonishing.

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Professor Feldman has reviewed many theories attempting to explain talents like Albert's,

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ranging from the scientific to the supernatural.

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The prodigy has always represented the unexplained.

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There are some who believe that the prodigy phenomenon should not be studied scientifically.

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In the absence of an explanation that meets rational and scientific criteria,

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we look for an explanation wherever we can find one, and reincarnation is attractive because it seems to account for

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some of the unbelievable and unexplainable parts of the prodigy.

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Could Albert Wong's musical gifts possibly have begun in a previous life?

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The mere notion seems incredible, but Albert himself does not dismiss a possibility of his own existence in a past life.

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I must have done something good in order to have deserved this.

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I am hammering in your king from all sides, so I have no escape route.

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As astounding as Albert's musical gifts were to his parents,

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they quickly learned he also possessed an extraordinary aptitude for math and science.

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His mother feared he get bored with the conventional education,

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so she gave up her career to homeschool Albert.

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I used to get up at 3 or 4 in the morning to prepare myself to teach Albert fast enough.

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Now I don't have to do it because Albert is old enough to be independent.

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So my life is much easier now.

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When Albert developed a strong interest in science,

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his mother searched for someone qualified to guide him to higher levels of learning.

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Can I show me on your drawing the y direction?

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She found that person in a professor of physics at a local college.

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That's it. See we have an inverted coordinate system in order to comply with the FN.

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I think the biggest thing in terms of working with Albert is that you never have to say something twice.

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Whatever mistake he might make, he's made it the last time he's going to make it.

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Of the three sciences, physics, chemistry and biology,

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it's my own belief that physics is the most central of all the sciences,

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that every other science branches from physics.

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Biology is physics applied to living organisms,

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and chemistry is physics applied to chemical reactions, atoms, molecules and macromolecules.

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Albert's insatiable hunger for learning is not limited to music and science.

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Well, I love to study and I love to read books.

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I love studying Shakespeare, Romeo and Juliet.

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Every time I study it, I uncover new literary elements that are very tasty. Delicious!

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Where could the stirring talents of an Albert Wong come from?

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Neither his mom or my family had any clue or any relatives in the families

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who had ever been a musician or even good in one instrument at all.

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We know that there have been amazing prodigy cases through history.

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So we know that from time to time such individuals appear.

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What we don't know is what the causes underlying the appearance of prodigies might be.

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Are they genetic? Are they evolutionary? Are they cultural?

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Are they historical? Are they something that's a combination of all of those things?

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Those are questions we don't know the answers to.

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Although we hope to understand the prodigy better in the 21st century, it remains a mystery.

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There are few places left in America where doors are always unlocked

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and parents have no fear of letting their children run about freely.

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Warned Massachusetts population 4,800 is just such a place.

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The town's rural charm and quaint innocence seemed the perfect tonic to the Bish family.

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Urban violence had suddenly invaded their neighborhood in Detroit.

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A young lady was followed one day after work as the facts unfolded and she was abducted and was missing.

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And my husband and I thought, let's move to the country and find our peace and raise our children.

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The Bishes flourished in Warn.

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15 years after the move, the two older children went off to college

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and the baby of the family, 16-year-old Molly, landed her first real job as a lifeguard at a nearby pond.

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Molly was very proud to be a lifeguard. She worked very hard for that

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and she did get this position at the Warn pond.

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It's a beautiful location but it's surrounded by woods and it is somewhat isolated.

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On June 27, 2000, Maggie accompanied Molly to the pond, said goodbye to her daughter and returned home.

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Three hours later, Maggie received an alarming phone call.

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Hello? No, she's not. She's at work.

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I got a phone call from the local police who said that there had been no lifeguard all day.

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No, I dropped her off there myself this morning.

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And that Molly's belongings were on the beach but there had been no Molly.

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Maggie rushed to the pond. She found her daughter's flip-flops, chair and lunch sitting on the beach.

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Molly?

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There was no sign of Molly.

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Molly!

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Molly is not here.

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This one lady came up and she had a whistle on and she said, there's been no lifeguard. I've been doing it all day.

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There's a lot of confusion. It was like a bad movie. Nobody knows what's going on.

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Molly!

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It's hard for me to describe that sinking hollow feeling you have as divers are looking for your daughter.

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As dogs are combing the woods and police officers are searching and interviewing people.

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And I almost immediately began to think that something really horrible happened.

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There was no sign of any struggle at the scene.

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There were no clues left behind. Molly's chair, her lunch bag, her first aid kit and the two-way police radio was just right there, intact, undisturbed.

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So we had no clues whatsoever.

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Maggie bit shunned her husband, John, on everything possible to ensure their daughter Molly's safety.

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But apparently even that was not enough.

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Now the energy Maggie once poured into motherhood is being channeled into discovering Molly's fate.

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Maggie is convinced her daughter was abducted. In fact, she may have seen the man responsible.

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It happened the day before Molly disappeared.

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On June 26, 2000, Maggie accompanied Molly to the pond for her seventh day of work.

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Today is the first day the kids are coming. Swimming lessons done? Yeah.

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We pull up at the pond and there's a vehicle parked in the parking lot right next to our car.

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There's a man sitting in there smoking.

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I somehow just feel uncomfortable.

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I look at this man. He doesn't nod or greet me.

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I just felt uneasy. I did not want to leave Molly with this man.

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Molly? In the white car.

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Maggie escorted Molly all the way down to the beach and expected the stranger and the late model, White, car to be gone when she got back.

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Lo and behold, I think I've been gone a reasonable time.

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But this man who is in this vehicle is still there.

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I'm very upset that he's still there. So I lock eyes with him.

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I am giving him a stare trying, I guess, to maybe scare him away.

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But at the same time, he returns the stare and just boldly stares at me.

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He just cocky as all. He just squinted his eyes and he stared at me and just kept smoking and he didn't seem to care.

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Theoring for her daughter's safety, Maggie waited for the man to leave.

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The following day, Maggie once again went with her daughter to the swimming home.

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Have a good day, honey.

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The suspicious man was nowhere to be seen.

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Instead, there was a truck unloading sand for the beach.

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When I seen the sand truck, I realized that this was our local company.

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We know that they are businessmen in town and I felt a relief.

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And that I could leave Molly and it would be okay.

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But Maggie never saw Molly again.

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The police investigation centered on the man Maggie saw in the white car.

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The sand truck driver saw a similar car in the pond parking lot just moments before Molly and Maggie arrived.

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On the other side of the pond is a cemetery.

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A worker there saw a similar white car later the same morning.

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A path leads from the graveyard to the swimming home.

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And it's my fear that this person parked at that path, went to the pond and had taken Molly,

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took control of her and took her out of the beach through that path into his car

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and out of the cemetery and down the road.

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Despite setting up roadblocks, searching crime databases and interviewing convicted sex offenders,

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police are unable to identify the man in the white car.

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A composite based on Maggie's description produced no reliable leads.

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This is the picture that I chose of Molly for the website.

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Desperate to generate any information, Maggie and her husband took action.

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I couldn't believe how long it took us to find that.

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We wanted to get an avenue to get Molly's picture out to as many people as we could, the computer.

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We came up with the idea an email chain would be a wonderful,

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wonderful, explosive way to make more than one person, you know, get this picture and keep sharing it with others.

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Thirty-five thousand people were emailed pictures of Molly.

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A website devoted to finding her received thousands of hits.

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But one year passed and the search for Molly had stalled.

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Maggie decided there was more she could do.

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She tracked down famed sketch artist Jean Boylan, who's worked on the Unabomber and Polyclass cases.

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Jean agreed to meet Maggie at a local bed and breakfast

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with the hopes of producing a more accurate drawing of the man in the white car.

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So what was it about this man that drew your attention to him?

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When Maggie came in to work with me, what I tried to do and what she was willing to do

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was to talk about the positive aspects of her relationship with her daughter, which were plentiful.

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When she finally could fit into my shoes, she'd have a...

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It allows for that sense of relaxation and then with that comes new information.

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Typical 16-year-old.

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When else can you remember about this man?

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For nine hours, the two women chatted as Jean slowly weaved a portrait.

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The mouth and...

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Finally, the drawing was complete.

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It was just like him.

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Although impressed with its uncanny accuracy, Maggie still felt something was missing.

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It's amazing. The only thing that's missing is the cigarette and the way he held that cigarette the whole time.

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Well, you know what? You've had a really long day.

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I don't want to put you through anything else today.

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Why don't I work on that tonight and then I'll bring it down tomorrow morning

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and you can let me know what you think. You want to do it that way?

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Thank you.

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And I had stayed up fairly late that night using my own hand as a model,

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creating the image of the hand holding the cigarette and then added that to the drawing.

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And I think that was just sort of the finishing touch that really brought everything into focus.

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Good morning.

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Hi. How'd you sleep?

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The next morning, Jean showed the updated drawing to Maggie.

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Well, what do you think?

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When I saw the completed picture with the cigarette, I thought...

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Instant fear. I mean, it was him.

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You know, the eyes, it was this cockiness, it was this look.

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The bishops hope the new composite drawing of the suspects will lead them to Molly.

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We want this person to know that we will never stop searching for her

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and that we will never stop searching for him.

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I'm very angry. I'm very angry.

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And that anger is going to drive me on forever.

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I will not stop.

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Molly's disappearance has transformed Maggie and her husband into staunch child safety advocates.

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I know something. There's somebody out there who knows.

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Their fight has now expanded beyond Molly to help prevent any child from becoming a victim.

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We're educating people, we're giving them tools,

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and the kids are going to get smarter and they're not going to get our children

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because you can lose your keys, you can lose your glasses,

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but how do you lose your children in America?

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Something is wrong, very wrong.

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And if it could happen here, it could happen anywhere.

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you

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Join me next time. Perhaps you hold the crucial clue that can help solve a mystery.

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