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Coming from the city of the weird exploring topics from the esoteric and unexplored, two dimensions are known. Shining a light of truth on the darkest corners of our reality. Welcome to the curious realm



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Well, hello, everybody. Hello. Hello. Welcome to Episode 7474 Doesn't seem like we have been on the air in this incarnation that long it does not seem like that long ago that we were doing some beer and receiving that news and politics trophy over there. Make sure and go and vote for us in the upcoming People's Choice Podcast Awards, folks we could not have done it that year without y'all support out there sharing, sharing the story sharing the show sharing our Facebook group everything else that is what brought us to the top of that category as well as covering stories like the the Minneapolis Police hack with Anonymous them coming on and taking over the airwaves for that one episode and numerous numerous news stories that we carry on here regularly the whistleblowers like Robert Duncan that are coming on the show soon. Good folks like Dr. John Hall Speaking of which, here's here's my Limbaugh as always. Let's let's take a look. Here. Here is the upcoming pre release schedule just so you know everybody. I am going on the road coming up here literally at about 5:36am in the morning for four weeks. But you can see we have some fantastic episodes tonight we have Jason Hewlett from we want to believe a paranormal show out of the Canada area as well as Dan Duke, fellow Texan who is relative of the past a Jesse James and we will be talking with him tonight in our pre recorded session about lost treasure from the Knights Templar that may be buried here in Texas. by Jesse James. We'll be getting into that next week. Our Falcon monster coverage is coming up. That's right folks, Episode 75 coming to you live from the Falcon monster festival. We had some great guests on for that man we had Chester more on from dark outdoors talking about the rainy street murders over the last couple of years and their connection to the smiley face killings that happened across the country in the greater northeast northwest of America, as well as if I'm not mistaken parts of parts of British Columbia. But we'll be we'll be talking with him about that in that episode and be having him on later in a full one. We also have Jeff crypto Hawk Stewart on. We also feature a fantastic artist who we happen to meet out there this last week and that was saffron cannon she wrote a children's book a children's book called only six feet away. It is actually a children's story about the Phalke monster about two kids whose friendship was forged searching for the Phalke monster, good for her for carrying on traditions for carrying on oral traditions here in the United States. Stop on by her page folks aren't by saffron cannon on

Facebook and order your copy speaking of Facebook, let's go ahead and scroll on down our group there for the News of the Week News of the Week as always brought to you by our Facebook group. Daily mail.uk aliens could contact Earth using signals from mobile towers. There's one more 5g win for you here's here's a pretty interesting one out of Live Science duck. Giant fellas shaped iceberg floating in conception base surprised residents of dildo Canada. That's that's the headlines that you just cannot make up. out of cnn.com vampire straw confiscated from traveler at Boston Airport that's at a CNN. Out of NBC News seven people found dead in Oklahoma during search for missing teams. And at a phys.org machine learning model sheds light on how brains run recognize communication sounds that is just some of the news that is fit to print folks there on our Facebook group stop on by and join us. That is the curious round group on Facebook 1000s of people there sharing articles opinions, opening conversations on hard to hard to broach hard to breach topics of course, while you are online, checking out our Facebook group joining our conversation stop on by curious realm.com That is the website for curious realm.com forward slash store. That's where you can find all the books. Like I want to believe the book by our guest, Jason Hewlett, Jason Hewlett, how are you doing today?



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I'm doing great, Chris, thanks so much for having me on.



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Absolutely. Welcome to the show. I have your book right here in my hand. I've had the pleasure of reading the first part of it today. And I love reading and hearing people's personal stories, we had a chance to talk for a minute or two before we hopped on air today. Let's go ahead and get into things how to tell our audience a little bit about yourself and how you came to be involved with the paranormal to begin with?



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Well, my story is very similar to most people who kind of investigate and research the paranormal, you know, you have experiences when you're when you're young. And it kind of opens your mind that there's stuff going on around you that can't easily be explained. So you started looking into it. And I spent most of my life doing that, you know, casually at first and then kind of this thing started to happen more and more. And I got older and I kind of developed a skill set. I started kind of investigating on my own and my first investigation was like a good 20 years ago when I went back to university to get a degree in journalism because journalism because I was a journalist, professional journalist, crime reporter for 10 years. And in one of the classes I took it was a magazine writing class. And you had a whole semester to write one magazine article and I figured, here's a good opportunity to take my interest in the paranormal and do something with it. So I decided to write an article for the 14 times, which is what the big publications Oh, wow. Yeah, it's a huge one is huge. So I figured why not? Why not aim high right away, right. So there's a place in my hometown called trunk eel Sanitarium. And it was a former tuberculosis clinic, turn mental institution that shut down in the 80s, when they kind of decommissioned all these asylums and sort of let all the patients out. And as soon as it shut down, the story started, right. You know, the urban legends about it. And so I happen to

know, a guy who was the caretaker of the property at the time, and I asked him if I could come and investigate. And he said, Sure. And so I kind of had myself I found like, a skeptic, a psychic, someone to be a camera person. And someone who had an experience out there we went and basically spent the whole night investigating this facility. And you know, nothing really happened. But it was a lot of fun. And it kind of whet the appetite to do more of that. So I did that casually, for a number of years, putting it on the wayside when I was a professional journalist, because back then, if you, as your integrity would be called into question, if you started talking about how much you're interested in ghosts, right, like it just wouldn't fly. And once the back in the night



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was, I can't even imagine.



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I can't I can't know either. But back then it was just kind of like



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even now, even now. I would, I would love to say that that stigma has gone, Jason it isn't.



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I'm sure it's not. Yeah, it's a little more mainstream now. Like, yeah,



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definitely. Like you could definitely sneak one into wired. Hey,



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yeah, right. Or even around Halloween, like our group gets called on Halloween to be on TV and on radio and all that kind of stuff. But it's really exactly kind of taboo is a mainstream? Yeah. Occupation. So it wasn't until 2017 that I've realized the Paranormal Society, which is out of Vancouver, British Columbia few hours from where I live, was doing a membership drive because I had an interior chapter and I decided to apply it was right around Halloween. And that's when I met Peter red who who you know, I now co formed the Canadian Paranormal Society with we've written our books we do we want to believe. And so I started investigating with them and became like a society director and a lead investigator and in 2020, sort of when the pandemic hit Peter was now located in the same city where I am, which is Kamloops British Columbia. We formed our own group and went off on our own. And that's kind of my little journey in a nutshell, right? Starting from experiences with that. I remember when I was five leading kind of ran up to now where we were investigating all over Western Canada and

recently went even down to Idaho to do some investigating and are kind of writing books and doing web shows. And we've been doing a little bit of podcasting on our own like everyone else seems to do.

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Yeah, well, I mean, it's it's hard not to in this day and age, it really is a a form of media be a form of journalism. Like I never thought that me just doing my show the way I do my show, Jason that I would win over Reuters All right, I know Reuters podcast for my news and politics Award,

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which is fantastic. And I think it's great with a

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show names due to the beard with the show name dudes and beer. Even better, it wasn't even curious realm. Whose dudes a beard? That's awesome. It's like, wow, the fact that yes, I am quote citizen journalist. Absolutely. Um, it's it's a different day and age the day that I got my first press pass as dudes and bureaus like, wow. Wow, because I had worked broadcast, I've been a broadcast engineer, I'd been a broadcast cameraman, all kinds of stuff. You know, like, I've had my fair share of press passes. I've gone through secret service background checks to get badges for shows I work. Yeah. No, it was like, suddenly, wow, no, I am legitimately a journalist.

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And I think that's the, you know, the reality that we're in. I mean, there's a whole conversation about that now, whether it's always good or always bad, etc, and credit, you know, proper accreditation and so on. But the fact that everybody has the opportunity to get their message out there, like we were talking about before the show their message out there their way we're talking about, like, you know, self promotion, right? Yeah, you're now in control of your own brand. Which I think is great. And if you're in the paranormal realm, because it's so diverse, and there's so many different approaches. And what we try to do is we try to take a very much scientific approach like we're not the guys running around screaming, there's demons everywhere, and all that kind of stuff like are getting possessed every week. Yeah. You know, like we're, we take a very serious as as scientific as possible approach to what we do. And we think that's a message that's not getting out there in a lot of in a lot of this media surrounding the paranormal.

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No, no, precisely. Like I was just at the Phalke monster festival this last weekend, my brother, love you, Randy, thank you so much for coming out and helping with everything. My brother
come with me and as somebody who owned a retreat company himself, and spent years and

came with me and as somebody who owned a retreat company himself, and spent years and years working with junior high and high school students. First thing he said, as we took a break for lunch, was man, I see it, I see a lot of young kids out here. He's like, I wonder why they're written somebody speaking about evidence gathering. You know, it's one thing to say, I am a squatcher and go out in the woods, and and even have night vision goggles, what have you. But what are you bringing back? How are you analyzing that? How are you learning to analyze that, because it's the learning to analyze data. That is the scientific part. That is the integral part of all of this, whether it's UFO UAPs, whether it's paranormal, like you're investigating regularly, or whether it's cryptids. It's the fact of regular analyzable. Data is what we need.



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Exactly. And that's that's what we do. And I there's there's sort of two camps, there's the thrill seeker camp, which you're just talking about, oh, running around in the woods, or going into a band and below headphones is great and running around, but not bringing anything back to the table. Because if we want science, which I think that's the goal of everyone that serious about this, we want science to take a serious look at it. But if you want to do that, you got to bring something back that's quantifiable, that, that you can have a theory that you can test and repeat over and over and over again, and then put it on the table. And that's what we're really trying to do as much as possible. And that's what we put, you know, in the books, and even when we want to believe like we're not, we want to believe wasn't the show there, everyone was jumping at shadows and screaming and running out of buildings. It was the show where we'd stop and sort of analyze what we're experiencing as best as possible to try to first show people what it's really like to do these investigations. But it's not always scary or exciting, but it's pretty much a methodical process that you're undertaking



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sciences typically not exciting. JSON, as much as I hate to say I don't want to discourage any kids from becoming like phlebotomist, given you know, or an entomologist or anything like that. But it's not incredibly like Wowzer scientific, exciting most of the time, you know,



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no, it's not. I think Neil deGrasse Tyson is one of the few people that can make it interesting to listen to, you know what I mean? Yeah, yeah, well, everybody's Neil deGrasse Tyson



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granted, you know, let's just let's explore this a minute because as a producer yourself of content, even even prior to this show, that you're on right now doing doing this with we want to believe you have been a producer, you've been on radio, you've been a host. You know what it is to carry a show carry a conversation when the Hey, maybe maybe a topic needs to move on. You know, things like that. Now. Once again, that's hard to translate things that are scientific, into in this is what I explained to people all the time as a, you know, the scientific process itself because a lot of people complain about like, for instance curse of Oak Island. They're mad

because they're 13 seasons in and they haven't found the gold. It's like never mind right all the science that they are finding every week that is worth more than the gold and any hole that they will find. That is that is changing the history of the island, the history of the area history as we know it, nevermind all of that we want to go and that that and it's true. That's an endemic part of the problem is that we want the gold Grayson, forget the knowledge that we can glean along the way to the gold. That is the actual gold.

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It's funny, I was talking with Paul Bradford who was Ghost Hunters International. And because we interviewed him for our second book and investigators archive, and we kind of got on the topic and he kind of nailed it on the head. Like the only people that really care about the scientific collection of evidence of paranormal activity is other paranormal investigators, the people that are watching these shows, they just want to see the ghost, right? Yeah, they want a ghost or a demon or a scarer or cheated the juice. Really.

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It's what it's what my my producer always said. Great story. Where's the juice?

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Exactly, exactly where exactly what's the hook? What's the lead? What's you know, you know what I mean? We found that in journalism doing a crime reporter what's the most gruesome detail that's maybe not the most important, but that's how you hook the people to read or watch

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right? Like the headline I read about your neighboring area. Earlier, as we came in off Facebook from conception Bay? Yes. Like, I'm still laughing. You could not set up a better trifecta of a title of facts, three, just straight facts.

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That that whoever wrote that headline deserves an award. Absolutely. They deserve

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it. Yes, exactly. But that's your state, you could have written that headline 28 different ways and not had pizzazz, and not had the juice that that headline had.

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I was laughing for a good five minutes, I did compose myself. And he brought me on because that was just like, wow.



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Science, it wouldn't matter like NBC News, or Yahoo or you know, something like that, like, live science is like, wow, that that's like, I'm me putting out a title like that. Right. But seriously, it's it's hard to make science sexy. It's hard to make sciences.



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And we tried, like anyone who's watched any of the episodes, we tried to find that kind of balance between the science and the entertainment value. Yes. Right and showing it seriously. So we relied more on kind of our personalities on finding the interesting histories behind the places that we investigated, or the topics that we were covering, and then finding those moments that would stick out, you know, in terms of something parallel that would interest people, and kind of having those as like little hooks around everything else that we were doing, but still showing the process and how things played out. And then it was it's, it's a table packed all the time, depending on the episodes and what, we never planned anything. We were a dot word documentary. So we go into a location, we know the history, and then things just unraveled as they unraveled. And it was kind of going back afterwards, sometimes after a month, looking at all the footage going over all the audio evidence we collected and then seeing how that became kind of a story. kind of find the one through line, that would be a good entertaining story to tell.



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Yeah. And it well. As you just said, the evidence you collected that was a lot of the reason that I wanted to have you on a because yes, you flip you follow a very scientific process in the way that you'll gather data. And I wanted to cover that. And that angle, specifically because I mean, I'm a I'm a huge tech freak. I love all my RF equipment that I have. I've got all kinds of wild electronics, I mean, being at a Geiger counter over my shoulder.



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But But yeah,



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knowing how to use that equipment is where it really comes down. I mean, you could go out and buy a red light green light RF meter all day long. That doesn't mean somebody with a 1982 Microwave next door it and make them popcorn.



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Right? Yeah, no. Yeah. Oh, yeah. And we one of the first things we did we don't really pay attention to is EMF. Yeah. EMF readers because like, like you say, someone gets a text on their cell phone a plane flies over. You know, the phone rings, some guy walks by with a boombox outside it's affecting that it is not a sign of paranormal activity, no matter what. Anyone on the TV shows will tell you Yeah, It's good, we will go in and do a baseline reading to see how much EMF maybe is in a location because that could be influencing things. Sure. But we don't use those as a tool to tell if there's if there's something paranormal happening



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that well, well well, and even even to see the fact of, oh, sure, there's a spike. But as is the spike within norm, you know, like, what, what is the known quantitative of norm that you can look for where Yes, something will spike and then go away. But that doesn't necessarily



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happen, right, taking a moment going, looking around, making sure something didn't go off. So we don't rely on it as a sense of paranormal activity. One of the big controllable things we do rely on is temperature.



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Okay, but let's get into that for a second.



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Yeah, because with temperature, like you can go into a room and you can get a gauge of what the temperature the environmental temperature is. And then based on the theory that it paranormal like that the spirits are whatever they are, in order to manifest themselves, they need to draw energy out of the room. And typically, then that renders is a place colder. And so if you suddenly get a cold spot, as we call it, and you try to figure out if there's a draught, causing that or any other kind of airflow that can be contributing. And once you've kind of ruled that out, you know, something's going on, as close to something going on as we can get that we've been in locations like that have had activity where we've had a cold spot, and we've been able to follow it using temperature readings. And we've even asked it to move across the room left to right. And it's done that in response to our questioning, and then it's moved back and that room had no airflow. There was a static temperature everywhere around this one cold spot that moved, as we commanded it to. And that is something that we can take as a sign that there is something there in the room, we're not going to say it's Casper the Friendly Ghost, because we don't know, but something unexplainable was happening that we could measure and that responded to our line of questioning and requests. Okay. It's always temperature.



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Yeah, yeah. And once again, in a quantifiable way, what kind of equipment are you using, typically, to measure the temperature in a room like that?

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Just like you we have like these laser pointing thermometers that you can use. We have other devices that are temperature gauges, even like FLIR cameras. You know what? cold spot we've used. We've used that we've even ice. Yeah, our old paddle wheel ship that had paranormal activity report we actually got there was a story about a child having died, like fallen from the ship and died. Like it's drydock. Right? It's not a heritage museum. We picked up it was about a four foot tall, cold spot. There's almost no child shaped will, with one of our investigators talking to it. And she was sort of speaking to and removing this cold spot would move with her. Oh, wow. Yeah. And that was like, wow, I can I say that's a ghost, or the ghost child? I don't know. But it was kid shaped and it moved. And it stayed that same shape the whole time. Right.

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Well, and while despite any shape to begin with, an anomalous cold spot following somebody. And something? Well, yes, yes, precisely. And that's just if we regularly talk on the show, Jason about the idea of paranormal, and how like many things in the world extremism tends to take over. When if you just leave it literally is the defined word paranormal. Still Still impactful? And really cool. And you still have the good three to 5% of anomaly there to explore without taking in indeed, it gives like you could have totally said like, well, that is a demon stalking her on that haunted ship. that's come out of the portal where the captain killed themselves. Right? All kinds of things. No, all you said is we had an anomalous cold spot in the shape of something this investigator can do. And that's creepy enough. You don't Yes, you don't need to take it creepier than a cold spot that's following you.

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Well, you know, it's that's a bit unnerving in its own right. I mean, it's fascinating at the same time, it's like you're very excited to witness this flow happening. But if you pause and think about it, that is a creepy experience. Absolutely.

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Absolutely. And the thing is, you now have a single quantifiable to explore. You don't have to explore the source of the energy yet you don't have to explore whether or not it's a kid whether or not it's an adult, whether or not it happened where the kid felt died. All you have to explore is anomalous cold spot following our investigator. Yeah, that's it, which really narrows down the scientific process and gets rid of all of the WHO that would get in the way I have that. And I think that that is that is a big problem in a lot of the paranormal communities and in the way that evidence is garnered, and evaluated. Because I think that a lot of the problem, Jason, is that we come to this point of wanting to validation.



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Yeah, no, I agree. And I think with that validation, then you get into, like, the stories that you were mentioning, you know, jokingly earlier that they want. And I think that's where, and it's tough. And it's gonna step on some toes doing this. But yeah, people have a belief system, right. And it can be a spiritual belief system or religious belief system or non religious belief system. And that's fine. I have my own personal belief systems. I bring none of that to the table. When I go on an investigation, yeah, you leave that bias behind, and you're just looking at whatever you're getting, and I think, but people want that validation. So they want if you're say, Catholic, then you want that experience to validate your Catholicism and vice versa. Sure, right. Yeah, yeah. Yeah, you know, or if you're a site per tick, you you go in and waste try to figure out a complete ways to debunk which we couldn't figure out how to debunk that. And we're going back to this location in a few weeks, we want to see if we can get that cold spot in that spot. Again, if we get it, you can quantify that, again, it's been repeated. Yeah. Right. But you just got to look at just whatever evidence or facts are happening in that voice. Like as a journalist, you just sort of take what you know, at the time, and you write your story, or you do your news story, and then you update it each time, there's some new material to add to the story. It's the same thing when investigating the paranormal. Well, you can do



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well, precisely, it's the fact that and you use the probably my favorite four letter word in the book bias. Right. I'm a little bias to it. But yeah, because yes, with that, want of confirmation also comes that confirmation bias, in the fact of again, because believe me, I am a person of faith, Jason, a person of religious faith, despite any church building standing, what have you. I had my own couple of three very, very, very close personal experiences with that what I believe to be God. It took me to join the seminary took me to leave the seminary, all kinds of things. But I am not a religious, Catholic, every church Sunday going guy, I'm not. But that also doesn't color how I look at evidence. And it's like you're saying, yeah, yeah, exactly. It shouldn't, because my job is to be the dispassionate skeptic. And as his mind,



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even though like, it's like leaving the show is called the book is like, I want to believe that shows we want to believe everyone involved in our investigation. We want to believe in this stuff. Oh, I do. More interesting if it's true.



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Hey, no, no doubt, like, I believe like, I'm sure you've had your experiences amongst your investigations that despite any evidence, you believe, Oh, for sure. Right. You know, and and I'm



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a very spiritual person, too. And I have a whole belief system based around that as well. But I don't bring that to the table. exam investigating even when I have something happened. It's a

don't bring that to the table, exam investigating, even when I have something happened. It's a personal experience. I try to step back from that.

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Yeah, yeah, precisely. And for me, it is the fact of yes, the dispassionate skepticism and unfortunately, I think most people first thing that comes to mind, especially in these communities is Skeptic magazine, which yes, is not proper, proper skepticism.

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I don't know what you're talking about.

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No, it's It's one of those that it's very biased forward, like, no, none of this is true. And it takes on quite a few. It's Skeptic magazine takes on quite a few of the topics like what we discuss here, you know, paranormal topics, things like that. But they come at it from a very fun skeptic point of view and a very biased point of view. Because the proper job of the skeptic is to take in all data. And absolutely, have your mind changed. You're looking to have your mind changed.

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You want you want to actually not have my mind changed. Yeah. The gentleman, Daniel Loxton, who was written for Skeptical Inquirer, and he and I had a great conversation for this new book I'm writing and he's the same he's like that, like he's like, how we think like he wants to believe in this stuff. So show me but like in say certain topics like like monsters, he just doesn't think there's anything to it. The evidence to him just leans towards No, but he hasn't. Like he hasn't signed off on everything that's going on. He wants to be sure. I think that's how we've got to be like, I would love to lean towards all this stuff being true. But I haven't seen quite enough evidence in all departments to believe that everything is happy is like that. All these different things are 100% real.

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Yeah. Oh, said Oh, absolutely, absolutely. And and a prime example that we discuss on this show regularly Jason is crop circles. And that's a big one that a lot of people whenever I tell them what my show is about, they're like, Oh, what about all the bunk crop circles? Like, yeah, what about the ones that were like happening in the 1500s? Yeah, right. You know what they weren't trying to do in the middle of the Black Plague just jack up a whole field a week.

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To see it anywhere.



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You would be burned as a witch whether whether you were in league with the devil or not, you destroyed half the town's wheat. Crank up with all the husks. Like,



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so yeah, no, we're not gonna do some of those when you



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start looking at things in the fact that yeah, Devil circles had been recorded in England since the 1500s. And yes, even out of modern crop circles, there is an anomalous three to 5%. And even in the world of the paranormal, that you're researching in the spiritual paranormal in the cryptid, paranormal there is this anomalous three to 5%. That's one of those, the analogy I make as if I was paying somebody to build me a wall. And they went, there's your wall? And I'm like, where's the other 3%? Wow, no. You know,



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you can't explain it away.



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I don't know what, that would just be cool with a three, three to 5% loss of solution. Right, annex, annex scalability, you know, can't explain how I don't know how I just lost it, when I was making the solution to things getting ratio up came up to 97% of what's left. So don't worry. I don't think you would pass the chemistry test if you could not account for the 3%.



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And that's what we're looking into is that 3%, you just kind of count like a lot of the time I can eat a lot of the time, you can explain things away in a logical, rational way. And you can there's lots of, you know, real world, yeah, normal explanations for it. But there are is that small amount, like you say, three to five, maybe even 10%? That you just can't and that's the fascinating part. And when you get one of those moments, that's what drives you to keep investigating, because it's just like, you gotta know, what is that? Three to 10%? You know what I mean? That just he can't explain why, where does it come from? What's it about? Yeah, what does it mean to us as a species? Even?



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Absolutelv. I mean. even as an investiqative journalist. you. you want to know. you want to

know where that other 3% is? What are we get? Let's get into some of the cases of that. Three to 5% that you have come across during your time of investigation, Jason with chirp the Canadian Paranormal Society?

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Well, there's like worst where to begin.

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So let's begin with your let's begin with your favorite. My favorite one, let's begin with Yeah, let's begin with like the one that really keeps you moving. You know, because there's always one amongst things where it's like, man, we've been there three times. And every time there's something crazy, I just, I want to keep going back there. There is something to that. So what is the one that just kind of dogs you in the middle of the night, whenever you think about it, Jason?

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Well, it's funny because we recently investigated at the Gooding University in getting Idaho in which is hands down probably the most, you know, quote unquote, haunted places I've been in but it had some very profound things happen there, which we could touch on, but the one that really hooked me, and then I keep coming back to happened at trunk eel sanitarium, which I mentioned earlier in the show, which is one of the first places I investigated, and I went back to that place three or four times. And one of the times I went with my friend Donna, who was the psychic that I brought on the first investigation, I'm not sold on psychics, 100%. But she's pretty accurate, you know, you know, kind of thing. And we spent the day we went during the day, this time and kind of were exploring and looking into stuff and had some just not much happened. But just a few odd little things. But we decided, before we left, we wanted to go into the tunnel system. And now, trunk Hill, all the buildings that trunk Hill are connected by an underground tunnel system. And this was done because it's Canada and in the winter. It snows a lot. And so it's easy to move patients and supplies underground, and then sometimes above ground because of all the snow. And these tunnels go on it feels like for miles and it's now they're dark and there's no airflow. And they're creepy just by their very nature that they're these underground tunnels that are always dark. So we explored and we spent quite a bit of time down there and we went through a door and came out and what would be called the laundry facility. It's like a laundry building where all the laundry was done. And we were like, Okay, it's time to go. So we go back to the car like kind of go up and above ground, or do we want to go back through the tunnels. And so we decided to go back through the tunnels for one final search. And so I turned around and I grabbed the handle the door. And these doors are the kind where you can kind of just push through them, like there's no resistance at all. They just kind of flap almost like, you know, Batwing doors, but they're big doors. And I just gone through the door, I pulled it open, and I got about halfway towards me, and then something reefed back on that door with enough force that it slam shut, and I'm six one and as about 200 pounds, I was pulled off my feet, and I hit the door. Wow. And Donner screamed and ran. And I'm not gonna lie. I wasn't that far behind her. Because that was beyond anything. I had experienced

that point. I have never had anything happen quite like that, since where I've actually been physically made up and sworn at. I've seen objects go off shelves, that kind of thing. But I've never been actually physically moved by something.

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Yeah. And that is, that is a frightening experience when it happens. That is that is one of the one of the three experiences that I say all the time that I've had my experiences, and I can't explain them, but they definitely happened. And that was that was one for me where I was I was pushed in the small of my back.

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And you know it, you felt it, you know, you

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know, like it was a hand like I've been number of times I felt my mother's hand right there to move me out of the way from something like, and it's frightening when it happens. And like you said, you were a gig, you're not a petite individual, you know? So it's not like it was a gust of wind or something like that that physically moved your body.

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No, it was a door I was pulled like it was pulling fast enough. You know, you can let go of something. Sometimes it can happen so quick that I couldn't even let go of it until I hit the door. And then I just hit the door and bounce back and said I'm out. You know what I mean? I'm out. And Donna watched it. She was there and saw the whole thing happen.

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And did you did you or anybody else go back to that area to continue investigation or anything like that, Jason?

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That was that man. I didn't investigate for a while. It's just like one of those.

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Yeah, like everybody's everybody thinks like, yeah, they went back in the daylight or somebody I like, no, Jack.



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Why I know what happened.



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I got proof enough that I don't need to go back there. Exactly. I wish you well, in that. And it's interesting, because phenomenal logically, you know, just seeing that and the fact of you know, yes, there are some things that you need no more evidence than that.



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And something to do that. I don't like, you know, take as being necessarily friendly. They didn't want us there. Yeah, yeah. It didn't want us there. It's had to go we've we've wanted to get back to the location since then. It's under new ownership. And they just don't let anybody in. And it's kind of a shame because it is falling into disarray. And it's probably too dangerous to go into some of those parts of the tunnels anyways. Yeah, it would be neat, but in me, my immediate response was, I don't need to go back there anytime soon. Like, I can quite quantify it up the wazoo.



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Well, yeah, yeah. But at the same token, that horribly frightening and visceral experience can, like you said, be something that fuels the continuance of work, because, yeah, you just had an extreme personal touch with that.



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Yeah. And it did like once, after a while, I taking a little bit of a break, and really mulling it over and talking to some people and even going into like people with faith to try to, you know, see what they thought she was looking at all options. And eventually, I did get back to investigating again, you know what I mean? Even on my own, I did it on my own for a number of years, just not really knowing what I was doing. But I kept digging when I could dig. Do you know, seeing what I could have happen?



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Do you prefer working alone? Do you prefer working in a group?



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I like with the group we've got now especially like with Canadian paranoid, like myself and Peter, and we have Olivia Aslan and a few other members. I really like working with them. I

know I can trust them. I know if someone says Hey, I saw this. I believe them. We all take the very much the same scientific approach as possible. We work together really well. I've been on teams like with Vancouver paranoid, which is a great team, but it was a very big team and you quite often work with different people. There's a lot of people coming and going, Yeah, we're a small group. There's like five of us, six of us tops, we know and trust each other. I like working with them because I know I can trust Peter and Olivier, etc. When we're on an investigation quite often, it's just Peter and I are just Olivia and I. But depends on the location to how many people you go with. I mean, we're at that place I mentioned Gooding. We were with Western Idaho paranor When they had, like, 16 of their members there, basically, but it's a huge building, I think you showed some of it, you could spread out and not run into each other. Yeah, that was a massive, amazing,

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massive, massive spot. And, you know, with with that, another question I would have related would be, do you find you get better results by yourself or with a group? And do you think that that is because you have more instrumentation and more eyes, on instrumentation in different ways?

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Definitely, you want at least one of them? Like I've done stuff on my own, but you can trick yourself? Oh, sure. You can totally trick yourself if you're there with one at one other person someday, or maybe two. You can kind of did you hear that? Yeah, I heard something or No, I didn't, you know, I mean, like a prime example. Chris. We were in a residential haunting. At this woman's home. We had been there a few times before the house always delivered. Something would happen a lot with electrical. We were down in a basement and myself and the homeowner, were in one room. And then Olivia was on the other side of the door, and Peter was upstairs. And suddenly, like we're kind of doing our EVP session, and suddenly, Olivia Olivia jolts and, and was just like, did you hear that? I said, I didn't hear anything. And from upstairs Peters, like I heard that. And it was someone going Hello, hello, hello. Oh, wow, disembodied voice saying that it was behind him. And his audio recorded it Peters audio upstairs recorded it. But our audio in that room didn't? Well, I don't know why. But it shows how even like in different parts of a building even like so just feet away, you can get a different response. Oh, so it's good to have people sort of spread out a little bit as well, right?

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Oh, absolutely. And once again, it's not just the response because yes, different people have different energies. So they would absolutely make sense that a spirit or even another in intelligent energy, in a space was responding differently to different people.

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Exactly. Right. That's a great way to sum it up. elegant energy in the space? I think that yeah.



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Well, because I'm not necessarily gonna say it's a ghost. I'm not necessarily gonna say it's a demon. I'm not gonna say it's something hey, man, for all we know, it could be literally you on the other side of a dimension.



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And there you go, right. We don't know that.



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That is the parent of the normal. That's literally the paranormal. And but the thing is, once again, it's the A Yes, having more people makes the team itself an instrument of study. It does,



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it does understand, because



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somebody could walk in, see something, feel something, everything else walk in and ask somebody else to just walk in there. And when you get out. Exactly, exactly. And you don't have to tell them beforehand what you feel so that you give them I guess in the in a sense, that would be almost like a pair of toilet.



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You know it would you through power of suggestion you can influence someone else's experience. Oh, absolutely.



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And I mean, One prime example I give regularly. I'll play this video real quick. This was recorded in my backyard. Now, if I gave that to you, Jason, I said, I recorded that in my backyard. What would you say?



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It's interesting, because I've seen something like that myself. And it turned out to be Andromeda.



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There you go. That is the planet serious.



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Okay, see ya shot. A shot with video



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out of focus in my backyard. It was out of focus when I saw it. Like I didn't take it out of focus and make that happen. It happened to be out of focus. And doing because of the brightness. You know, that's what's making the iris try to flicker and catch it. And that's what's causing the colorations between the flopping colors and everything else and yeah, so I recorded it. Yeah. And then I found out Sirius and it was cool. for that exact reason because I could literally take that and post it in 85% of paranormal groups with literally recorded this in my backyard. And watch all over comments fly. And watch the Parador EULA fly because of my suggestion of I recorded this in my backyard. Now. You had foresight enough to see the fact that yes, you yourself had seen something like that in your own backyard



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and did my research right it was Andromeda



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Telescope, or through focus pair of binoculars. Exactly, exactly. Yeah. But it was only because you had been in a similar circumstance. And, and had I said, you know, looking in this part of the sky, I was looking at this angle, this time of day, everything else, it would have given you a whole nother realm of data, and a whole new data set to examine to figure out what that what that could be. But if I just came out with that, and with that mindset that that in and of itself, kind of twists the science.



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It does. And it's funny. When I was working for Joe Blow media and doing the running their paranormal network, I get sent stuff all the time. And some guy sent me a picture of a fire and he said he captured a demon in the fire. Well, I looked at it. And I saw Batman. And I showed it to some other people. And they saw this I said, went back to what I said, it's pareidolia. Man, you're sort of just seeing kind of what you want to see you're putting this the images together. And he's like, Oh, I didn't think it'd be so skeptical and blah, blah, blah. You know what? Bands offended by



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the fact which Batman?



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There was the norm breyfogle Batman drawn from the ad?



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Okay, nerdy deep cut love it. Show so yeah, right. Yeah, yeah. Well, you know, there is, I belong to a lot of groups. And unfortunately, because yes, as a professional audio video engineer, and cameraman for, you know, most of what I do now, like I told you before the show is restoration work. I don't, I'm not like out shooting people stuff. I'm restoring their videos. You know, I'm restoring their audio and video that has been corrupted, or something like that. So it lends to a different set of eyes and filters when I'm looking at information. When I'm looking at a picture when I'm looking at video, when I'm listening to audio, I hear things that other people don't because they are listening for the imperfection.



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You get a trained eye and ear for this kind of stuff. When you've done a lot like you say with you with your video and audio engineering, and it's the same in investigations like you learn to listen for sounds you might not normally listen for. Yeah, yeah. Especially doing an EVP session where everything's like really quiet. And well, quite often what you do pick up. It's rare when it's like a hello, hello, hello, where you can hear it with yours. It's happening. It's usually stuff you hear after the fact it's pretty quiet. But you need to train your ears to listen for it. And then you gotta go back and say, Well, what did I hear? And was it like a pin dropping? Or was it a metal? If you boost the audio? Is it something more metallic? Or is it more like a voice? You kind of got to pick apart all these little things you experience? It comes down to really asking. Like, it's almost like how deep do you want to go to to really get to the facts of something, or the truth? In the facts, the truth of something because you can hear something and say, Oh, that was a ghostly voice. I don't need to look anymore.



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Yeah, yeah. Well, and, you know, once again, like you said, how, how deep? Are you willing to look at something? And are you willing to are you willing to go through? Because I think a lot of people forget the mass swath of data that you should be getting on an investigation. Even if you're talking to people, even if you're talking a couple few pieces of equipment, what you're gathering, there is a lot. If you're talking about running three, four digital recorders for 12 hours long, you know, you got 36 hours of audio to listen to.



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And you got to listen to every bit like you know, not just once,



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not your ones like three four times. So yeah, so yeah, yeah, there is there is a hard, hard, passionate dedication to true real investigative technique when it comes to analyzing the data that you collect. What kind of data do you guys normally look to collect? On? Let's say, let's start off with a general, somebody called the Canadian Research Society. They called you guys and said, I have some property that I think may have something going on. I would like somebody to come out and look at it. What kind of data are you looking to gather in that initial visit? And what kind of data are you looking to gather? If you come back to location?



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First, we'd like to get a history of the place and what's happened there. And who's lived there before? Like, half the people that are having these experiences live there the whole time if they've held? If not, when did they move in? How long has the activity been going on, etc. And then when we go, we kind of have a meet with them, and look around and look at their environment. And that kind of gives you a bit of a feel for the kind of people they are. And ask them sort of questions in the way that they'll kind of explain what's going on to you will kind of tell you a lot too, because sometimes they'll explain stuff that's very much of the TV bottle. And so you kind of wonder some people we go to, they have legitimate something going on in their house that they can't explain, and they want to know what it is. Other people kind of want to have a paranormal experience. That the I've been into people's houses where I've looked around and they've got like, you know, every season of ghost hunters on their DVD shelf, they've got, you know, posters up, they've got like, horror VAs horror movie collection, you kind of just got to be a little bit of one,



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my experience now.



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Yeah, right. They want us to prove that their places 100% Haunted with the full demons. Yeah. And then we kind of do like an initial investigation, quite often, we will ask the people believe. And they'll stay in their house for even just for a couple hours. To get a base reading do we primarily just stick with EVP sessions, we use a spirit box, which we kind of with a noise gate added because they're very noisy devices. And then we'll run cameras. And that's we keep it pretty simple with the first one. And then we see if we get anything that kind of matches what we've been told, okay, or that sticks with the history. And then we bring it back to the homeowner or the business owner, etc. And see what they think. And then based on that we either we investigate again, or we don't sometimes people don't want you to come back because you haven't validated what they wanted, or they feel satisfied with what they've got. But it's really great when we can go back multiple times, we've had a few places we've we go to many times, because then you can kind of test your theories about a place over and over again. And we've done some residentials, we were able to go back five, six times, we've got like

some historic sites we revisit on a regular basis. And that's really great, because you can take from each investigation you can build on your body of data, to try to then see how much is I guess, just prove or disprove your findings from the previous time? Yeah. And you can kind of keep doing this, I think to into infinity, because where do you stop?

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Yeah. Well, well, yeah. Yeah. And I guess that once again, is what would be the part of the second the second part of that question, which is, what spurs the second visit?

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It's quite often, like, if we think it's, there's enough sort of activity going on to warrant a second visit, we'll ask to come back. But it's usually then left definitely up to like the homeowner or the business owner or the site owner if we do or don't. And it's great when they say yes, so then we go back for a second time. And then we sort of again, bring more evidence back.

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What's your, what is your, like? Getting the car inspected? Here's the five point checklist, what what, you know, what are the what are the five things that like, whenever you go in as a team, like you all get together outside? Because of course, you're you aren't necessarily together in the house while you're doing an investigation. Correct all the team in the same time?

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Yeah. And, or like, or you'll do different floors. It depends on the size because you don't want sometimes we do stick together because in some houses, they're not big enough. And if you're doing an EVP session, one place you you can actually be heard because some of our equipment is so sensitive. Oh, yeah. So you don't want to taint that that data that they're collecting. So we sometimes stick together. But yeah, you kind of we go off threesomes for about a half hour for an hour in different spots. And then we meet again, talk a bit, then we go off again and switch locations. Can any kind of compare? Well, because sometimes, yeah, one team gets something the other team doesn't. Right? And you kind of Alright, and then you get enough data. It's like, okay, we've definitely got like, you know, a few really solid EVPs here, who go back and look at some of the video and see if we picked anything up. And if it's compelling enough, if you say no, that the home used to be owned by someone named Dan, and when you you're asking, you know, could someone here please identify themselves? And you get the name, Dan? Oh, well, that's that's something right. And so that kind of you take that back then to the current owner and say, Yeah, someone named Dan. B pick that up and they used to roll in here. What do you think? And they'll go oh, this is great. Come back and let's try it again.

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Yeah, yeah. Most so yeah. You're you're looking for some some basis of confirmation from different parts of the team. Yes. With self where it's like. Yes. I get an anomalous reading. Yes. I

different parts of the team. Yes, with sell where it's like, yes, I got an anomalous reading. Yes, I got an anomalous reading too. In the same location, not necessarily like I got One in the garage. I got one upstairs. Cool. Let's come back.

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Yeah, you're gonna go upstairs and I'll go in the garage. Yeah, we each get something in this. But now that means something because otherwise it could just be something outside or a block away or a carpet

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or whatever, right a kid next door could be a ham freak, you know, like using his ham radio talking to talking to people in Turkmenistan. Who knows, right? I don't think it's possible. You Well, I mean, hopefully you saw the antenna as you approach the house however, we

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usually look for that kind of thing. And we're aware that could be playing into what people are experiencing

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things like that fully happen. And and a you know, we have a large large community of targeted individuals that listen to the show Jason and that's, that's one reason why I bring it up is because even whenever I go to their property, before I ever bring out RF analyzer one before any of that ever comes out and we start looking for satellite signals or anything like that. I bring out Gauss meters, let's let's look for any strange, you know, just magnetic signatures that may be in the house, something like that you may be living over an ore deposit something like that I bring out exactly right, you know, Geiger counters, because yeah, you may have, you may have a fault line underneath your place that you don't quite know about.

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And that will be affecting your experience

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radiation leaking through your floor, you know, yeah, carbon monoxide detectors, all that kind of stuff and natural gas leak detectors. Once I get rid of the norm that we can explain. Now we'll go for the parrot.

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Exactly. Peter. Peter is a plumber by trade. Yeah. Right. And because he looked those look for all that stuff in buildings, you know what I mean? And we do, I even if it's out, I don't Snoop too much. But if I see sort of pill bottles out on the counter, take a quick look. If people are on and you know what I mean? That medication can occur if people are experiencing right like there's so much



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Oh, my God, my mother saw little children outside of her third floor hospital window. Ambien, right? There are no little children out there.



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No one nobody floors up. There's no way. Or



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maybe there were



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a whole different conversation, I



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think well, you know, that's that's the funny thing is that the the more conversations I have, the more people I talk to especially the one thing I bring up regularly is remote viewing the viewing conference man and hearing the concept of you because I heard how put off at the at the remote viewing conference tell the same story about a UFO experimenter that Kathleen Martin told on this show about how they went to they were near the craft, they felt it vibrating and they felt themselves vibrating. And when they touched the craft, they passed through it. Oh, wow. And it was like a you know, number one, I loved the fact that how put off kind of like use the flash as a reference. The Flash Comics, you know,



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only could do they could vibrate through things is moving so fast.



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But yeah, it sets up the whole realm of yes, there. We may have numerous realms right next to West vibrationally. What we physically see of the spectrum is like it, it's a sesame seed on the bottom of the hamburger dude

the button of the hamburger dude.

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Well, really search for our book on near death experiences. Man that changed my perception on so many things. People talk about how you can vibrationally shift into a past life even or to that space between life like it's just like, wow, and that was like, that was like a good eight to 10 months write that book, write and research that book. And that changed my thought process on so much. Yeah, but I still try not to bring that in on an average investigation because that's in a realm. I don't like explaining and unknown with another unknown. Yes, yes. You can't know what I mean. You can not just say I don't believe these other things can happen. But we can't just go in and say yeah, that's a past life. That's affecting you now. Because yeah, that's not scientific. Yeah. Remember,

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past life intruding on present time.

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Right? As Egon would say, Ghostbusters.

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But yeah, but that's just it. You you can't do that, as our good friend. Steven Meyers likes to say correlation is not evidence. No, it's not. You know, just because something correlates to something else does not mean that that is the evidentiary fact. And if you want it to be that way, folks feel free to let it apply that way next time you're in court. I mean, seriously, seriously, like, you should you should want the same evidentiary standard that you want when people are trying to bring something against you in court. Like, that's huge. Yeah, precisely. That is what we should be trying to do. And it's good to see that there are people like you guys out there that take it as seriously as this that do not just leave it to the fluff, you know, because they there's an opportunity to a lot of fluff Man, y'all are y'all are out there, you're making a show as well. But that doesn't mean that it has to be fluff.

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And that's we've tried very hard to stay away from that.

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I think you've done well.



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Thank you. I really appreciate that. Chris. Let everybody know actually where they can go



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to check out the show. I've got the IMDB up and stuff like that. But where can they go to actively see it?



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The show is still actually running up on the paranormal network on YouTube, which is was run by Joe Blow made Incorporated. It's now a defunct channel, but the episodes are still up there. Okay. We're currently in production on some new episodes and looking for a new home, which we might be getting close on. You can find a lot of our stuff on Facebook still at the Canadian Paranormal Society. And of course, you know, Canadian paranormal society.ca. And I like to be pretty active like on Instagram and Facebook as Jason heliad on Instagram. It's the official Jason Hewlett. I think I called myself, I don't know if someone else had taken Jason Hewlett. So yes, he's a comedian. He is yes, we get confused quite a bit, which is kind of interesting. But yeah, we're up on all the social media as well. And the books you can find through beyond the fray publishing or on Amazon.



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Fantastic. And of course, you can always find all of our guest books right there on curious realms.com forward slash store, folks simply click the picture, it'll take you right there to Amazon to be able to purchase their stuff, man. Jason, I would love to have you on again and again and again. Man. This has been such a great conversation. I am so happy to hear it. Yeah, I know that there are a lot of paranormal groups out there. I know that there are a lot of people who want to get into the field of paranormal. I don't think a lot of people who want to get into the world of research I fully understand what research research is. And it goes back to like you were as an investigative journalist you know, I don't there are very few people prime example who enjoy writing a research paper there's there's a prime example of how to put it folks if you enjoyed going to the library and just poring through micro fishes and finding things and digging stuff up and annotating it



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that then you might be a good paranormal



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investigator you may really love this you know, if you'd like go in if you'd like going out on the boat way out to the water and coming back and catching nothing over and over and over and over and working your butt off. You might be a good paranormal investigator



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Exactly. You're gonna get nothing but nine out of 10 times



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the idea of literally going fishing it's not called catching boats fishing Yeah, but that's just it it takes a lot of work to a learn to garner the proper evidence learn to see what evidence actually is and learn what to look for. Because you could be getting small tiny little readings things like that that you're letting pass by that could actively be something



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it could especially if you're just way too focused on the thriller The scare that you're wanting Yeah, right. And there's there's so many YouTube channels where that's all it's about, you know, they just want to make a buck from something potentially scary but probably not real up there. Yeah, if you want to be a parallel investigator, you got to go into it with the right mindset and the right intention.



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But that being said, as as we get ready to let you go, Jason, what is your best advice that you can give not only to the individual that that wants to possibly get their property, their family anything like that investigated that may or may have a troubled issue or troubled property and what is your best advice that you can give to a individual or group that is wanting to go out there and do what you do professionally not, you know, just weekend warrior go out and break into an old hospital and hang out with a palm quarter.



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i There's lots of those. There's



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plenty of them. Too many. And that is not what I espouse, don't do that and use my name or beware on my merch is all I could say, exactly. Go through the proper channels, there are ways to do it.



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So far, and I think I think for the people wanting to be an investigator, I think the big thing is, find someone who's done it for a long time. And you know, beg them, plead them to go along with them to see what they do. Because that's how you prevent yourself from being a thrill

seeker. Yeah. And I was lucky to have met Peter and his his team and he Pete has been doing it for like three decades all over the world, learned so much working with him. And so the you learn from working with people who really know what they're doing, who take it seriously, that's my advice, is to find the people that are like that, again, there are people out there, you can find them, you just got to do a little

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bit easier and easier these days. They're easier to be

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if you have what you think is a haunting going on in your house, you want help? There lots of groups out there. The big things, the biggest telltale, that they're full of crap is they expect you to pay them? Yep. us in the field are doing this because for the passion and love at it, and for wanting it to be taken seriously and move the science forward. No serious paranormal investigator will charge you money. Same with a psychic. That's sort of my biggest bets. If you find a group that's willing to come look at their website, see how long they've been around for their well established for a long time. They're not wanting to believe anything, allow them to come in and have that initial visit?

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Yeah, yeah. Precisely. Precisely. And if they're contacting you, be wary of that.

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Right. And, you know, do your research into them. Like we have reached out to some people, but only because it's been recommended that we should buy someone so there's Yes. Always ask for a warning we have there's got a bunch of guys in black show up in your front steps and just say, Hey, man, we want to investigate your house. I'd be a little bit leery.

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Yeah, yeah. Yeah. Yeah. Don't Don't let anybody creep around in your basement, things like that. They and that's just it, it's it really is on both sides of the coin, really an open mind and a wary eye situation. You know, whether whether you're talking about looking at evidence, or whether you're talking about how to approach going going and doing an investigation? Exactly. Once again, there are proper ways to do things, there are ways to go about doing it. Contact your local officials contact your local city hall, stuff like that. You would be surprised how helpful some of those places are, if you simply call them and ask them.

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Exactly. Yeah, find who's the board of directors for this, if it's this historical site or society find us on the board of directors talk to them have come up with a pitch or proposal. Yeah,

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yeah, precisely. Jason, thank you so much for your time, I greatly appreciate it. Before we let you go one last time, let everybody know where they can go to get a hold of the Canadian Paranormal Society where they can go to contact you if they have a property that needs to be looked at. Or they are near you and want to get involved.

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Yeah, you can like you can find us on on Facebook at the Canadian Paranormal Society. And of course, you can find us at Canadian paranormal society.ca There's a contact form right on there where you can reach out to us and myself or Peter, we'll get back to you.

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Fantastic. Please do. Come back on the show. I would love to have you back on to talk about cryptid research to talk about your new book that is coming out. Everything else. Man, thank you so much for taking the time. Coming on talking with the audience tonight and sharing everything about I want to believe go out there and get your copy folks. It is fantastic. Great reading. I'm looking forward to finishing this on my plane ride along with before Roswell, another upcoming guests. So thank you so much for the time tonight. Jason.

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Thanks so much for having me on. Y'all come back anytime, Chris.

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All right. Well, I'll be reaching out with links everything else you take care you as well. All right. Bye bye. All right, man. incredible conversation there folks. Make sure to stop by and check out the Canadian Paranormal Society Canadian paranormal society.ca is the website you can also find them on Facebook. Make sure to stop by and check out the beat we want to believe group as well. And stop by and check out that show on Canadian television. While you are on the interwebs checking everything out make sure to stop by curious rome.com That is where you can find everything curious Rome all of our episodes. That is where you can find our newly revamped store with all of the books from our guests, including Jason and Mark yell. Even Dr. Robert Duncan We will be having on here in a couple of weeks. We have some fantastic guests coming up. So speaking of guests coming up right after these messages folks, we will be coming back with our good friend and guest Daniel Duke fellow Texan talking about his life as a descendant of Jesse James, how his research into his descendency to descendant relative being

a descendant of Jesse James, with his mother got him followed by authorities. Really, really interesting story there, as well as the possibility of Jesse James burying treasure right here in Texas coming up after these messages.



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be getting her on soon to talk about updates and amazing projects that she has been working on. While you are online checking that out, of course, make sure to stop on by the curious roam store. That is where you can find the books of our guests for this segment, the amazing Ken Gerhart, welcome back to the show. Ken, how are you doing? Hey, Christopher,

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I'm doing very well. Thanks for asking. It's always good to speak to you my friend.

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Absolutely. Absolutely. We recently saw each other at the that was the Texas legends and monsters conference. And I want to chip akubra bone from one of your investigations. We will be getting into that in just a minute. But I wanted to kind of touchstone before we went into that with the recent cattle mutilations in Madison County here in Texas. I was actively sent a photo from a listener. Pardon the graphicness. Folks, that is that is a mutilated cow. These things have been going on since at least the late 70s that I know of. I've heard about him since I was a kid in the 80s. Linda Moulton Howe kind of started her career with this and it's pretty wild to see it popping. It's never really left the radar necessarily but cases certainly wane and come back. Things like that. What do you what do you make of the whole recent mutilations here in Texas, Ken?

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Well, admittedly, Christopher, I, you know, I've investigated some livestock mutilations with regard to certain cryptids. But you know, typically not cattle, it's always been goats are smaller animals that you got to imagine, take something sizable to deal with the cattle. But you're right, the phenomenon to my knowledge goes back at least to the 70s. You know, it started kind of up in Colorado and parts of the Western US and then it kind of, you know, gravitated around, wherever you had kind of ranch land and stuff. I will add that a colleague of ours, Rob O'Brien, has written the definitive book on livestock mutilations. It's literally as thick as a friggin Encyclopedia of foam. But wow, really, really, I got to see it last year, it's really impressive. He's really done a deep dive. And so I think, you know, from my perspective, a lot of these types of phenomenon are cases of what we'll refer to as composite identity, meaning that I think there's probably different things going on here. You know, there may, there may, in fact, be some anomalous thing going on here, as you see some of the photos that you see, sometimes, it just doesn't look like, you know, like the work of a natural predator. And I can tell you, you know, I'm familiar with the work of like mountain lions and wild dogs and different things. And this, this is a surgical, I mean, it doesn't look like there's not a lot of, you know, bite marks or, or ripped up hair or anything like that. I guess, you know, the popular theory for years has been aliens, which, you know, who knows, I mean, anything's possible.

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Anything else,



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right? Of course, satanic cults was kind of a popular suggestion back in the day and, you know, maybe we don't have to be overly dramatic by characterizing them as satanic cults, they may just be, you know, teen, teenagers feared, weirdos and people that just like, Yeah, you know, sacrificing animals. I guess. animal sacrifice is obviously a tenant for many religions around the world. So I don't you know, don't mean to be disparaging of anyone's religious believe, although I don't think it's necessary to sacrifice an animal per se. I'm an animal lover. So I think there's probably a lot of different variables or factors going on here and I haven't You kind of clued me into these recent killings. So I haven't had a lot of time to look into these. But I'm trying to think of where Madison County is located. Is that or is it northeast Texas or is that?



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Yeah, so I'm



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trying to equate it to some something region,



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Tonio road out near Madisonville. So



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okay, yeah, that's going in your college station. I'm seeing Yeah, okay. Um, interesting. I'm trying to think if there is a history of cattle mutilations in that area and I can kill you a couple of stories. One would be in terms of, well just accounts and that particular area that region is known to be a major corridor of our friend Bigfoot or Sasquatch, Texas Bigfoot. So people that want to sort of dance around that particular conspiracy, although I don't understand I don't see any reason why a Bigfoot or Sasquatch? That's



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a big critter for Sasquatch. I mean, not not saying that Sasquatch is huge and brutal. And hey, like a chimpanzee has five times the strength of a human being.



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You're right, you're right. But I mean to your points. It's



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a big critter to take down for a single animal, and you're in just to



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eat the jowl. And there aren't a lot of accounts of Sasquatch is killing cattle a lot that I'm familiar with. Yeah, that's pretty rare. Now, to your point, I think you made a great point just now. Let's eliminate again, different types of known predators now. There's a misconception about animals like mountain lions and bears that they are you know, now they are known to take larger animals like elk and things like that. But absolutely, generally speaking, most predatory animals are always looking for the easiest meal and so that's why the the majority of the diet of those types of animals is really just small things like rabbits and rats, rodents birds things like that because no predator wants to risk getting injured even if it's if it's successful and it's kill if you know if a predator sustained Yeah, if a predator sustains a major injury you know that's kind of all she wrote. So um,



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well in most things especially like we did not that we don't have big cats here in America, but most of them unless you're talking bobcat, something like that are not necessarily the the actively stalking chase down the prey, but much more of the pounce from on top. Right, surprise, surprise Hunter, not like a Serengeti cheetah or group of lions, that chase down gazelles. That's a good



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point. And can you put that picture up again? Looks like it's at the lower mandible. Are we looking at the bottom of the head



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you're looking pretty much this is this is the side of the head if you look right here, you've got an ear, an eye socket and then you've got the top snout and then the bottom jowl right there so it kind of looks as though the entire basically side of the face like the entire top and bottom mandible skin has been removed.



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Now in the article, do they mention any obvious cause of death for this cow bear perhaps was killed before it was mutilated? Or is that just conjecture at this point?



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okay, six year long horn Yeah, that's a weird one, man. I mean, I really don't know. I mean, like I said, I you know, I wouldn't jump right to the alien card as much as people like to because they don't

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tongue was also completely removed from the body with no blood spilt.

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Oh, that's interesting. The tongue was removed. Did people like to eat tongues? No.

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I'm not gonna lie tongue tacos. Delicious, man. I'm from Boston, the town to town to tacos. Rival. I will tear up a lingual taco.

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With you man language. Okay. Um, yeah, I don't know. Um, I would say, you know, this is just one of those anomalous cases. Now, it'll be interesting to see if there are more or similar killings that kind of surface around that area then if you know if once we start developing a potential pattern or you know, more more data, you know that I think that I think we could definitely be looking at something worth pursuing but I know not like I said, it's definitely not like you said, doesn't look like a big cat doesn't look like wild dogs. Bear or no bear data to that part of Texas. Sasquatch or Bigfoot. Now, here's interesting. I just thought of this. Sure. This is why you keep me on the show for extended periods of time. There is a type of Sasquatch or Bigfoot from Central America. And I believe we're talking about Honduras no eight, Costa Rica. Well anyways, where the Sasquatch is are known as the rangka lengua or tongue Ripper because of their purported habit of ripping the tongues out of cattle. Isn't that interesting? Similarly, there is a similar legend regarding if you've heard of the mopping, Guwahati, which is the kind of the Brazilian version of Bigfoot and has also been alleged to rip the tongues out of cattle. So I don't think that would explain the surgical. Yes, sort of, you know, situation that we're seeing there with the face began to shaved off but with the tongue being ripped out, and then, you know, for the for the, for those big foot fans out there, they're listening to you know, you could at least, you know, speculate about something like yeah, that is,

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that is really interesting to know, I never realized I mean, I of course, knew that there were tales of Sasquatch type creatures, things like that, but I never knew that there was one that

specifically was a tunnel lover, a



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tawny Ripper central South America now wow. You could certainly diving into Bigfoot lore you can find all kinds of behaviors that are attributed to Sasquatch is so I mean, this is like one of many things that they're said to do for predation patterns or behaviors and different things. But yeah, I don't know, man. It's a fascinating mystery for sure.



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It is definitely one I've contacted Thank you very much to of course listener, James dancer out there for the for the amazing picture. He is trying to contact the rancher that sent it to him to see if they would be willing to come on the show. And of course, I'm going to be following the story like crazy with it being right here in our backyard. Just a little bit down the road, though here in the last week was also a chupacabra story coming out of Alabama, Alabama fish and Freshwater Fisheries Division, identify strange looking Troopa Kabra. And I wanted to kind of chat with you about this one because we'll of course be talking about the chupacabra bone that I will be auctioned from one of your investigations. But this is this is I think, probably what most people who say like I've seen a trooper Cabrera and Texas, this is this is I think probably what most people have come across, not that there have not been some strange sightings, things like that. But let's start let's start getting into Chupacabra and Texas a little bit kin and your investigations into it.



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Yeah, well, let's go back a little bit Christopher and talk about the origin of the name Chupacabra in Texas because a lot of people aren't familiar with how this whole thing unfolded. Yeah. Most people are probably of course familiar. The Puerto Rican Chupacabra, which burst onto the scene in 1995. On the island nation of Puerto Rico, there was a series of mysterious livestock killings, not cattle, but small animals like goats, rabbits, things like that. And they were said to be x sanguine. ated that is these carcasses of these livestock animals were completely devoid of blood. And it was also alleged that there were punched telltale puncture wounds that were left behind in the throat area. So sounds like a vampire, basically, right? If you believe in those types of things, yeah. And then shortly thereafter, there were alleged sightings and it kind of made worldwide news because in that time, in 1995, as you know, Christopher, there was this brand new thing called the internet. And they were looking for basically material, different websites. And I think it was Princeton University that actually put up the first Chupacabra website, which may still be up to this day. And then the original images of the the reptilian Chupacabra from Puerto Rico with the big eyes, the spikes going down, its back the forked tongue and all that was widely disseminated. Now, fast forward. And then I should say shortly thereafter, there were also cheap akubra accounts coming out of Mexico, Nicaragua, Chile, in other parts of Latin America. Fast forward to 2004 there was just south of San Antonio here where I live in a little town called Elmendorf. There was a guy named Devin Mack and Ali who I've interviewed, he was a chicken farmer and he something was killing his chickens in mass numbers, and he knew it wasn't a bobcat or a mountain lion or a raccoon or anything, Coyote, anything he was used to because these chickens were not being eaten or

dragged away. They were basically just being killed. And again, according to him, it seemed like they the bodies were bloodless. Around that same time, Devin star started seeing this weird animal on his property, which looks just like the photograph you just kind of put up there. It was a four legged animal, kind of bluish gray skin, mostly hairless. long fangs, just really weird looking. He managed to shoot it, took a picture of it, buried it. And he started showing the photo around to his neighbors and saying, Do you know what this is this animal that was killing my chickens? And they said, No, that's weird. We don't know what it looks like a big rat or who knows. So he took a photo down to the local market, which is called Daly owns meat market where a lot of the old timers from Mexico would frequent to buy things like llengua, I would imagine. And they, some old timers came in and saw the photo that he had posted, and they said, Oh, as a chupacabra, we have those in Mexico. And so that is the very first time to my knowledge that the name Chupacabra was uttered in the state of Texas 2004 April 2004. Since that time, there have been many of these animals. Now, we should point out that the animal that Devin killed was finally exude. The remains were exhumed, there was a DNA test that was overseen by none other than Whitley Strieber by the author of communion who is from San Antonio and took an interest in the case. The bones were taken to my San Antonio Zoo, where they were examined by a mammal curator named John Graham era who I've interviewed and he said that yeah, soon as he saw the skull, he said, This is a dog. But it has some weird features in its teeth and the articulation of its job. The DNA test at Whitley Strieber funded I think was Cal Berkeley came back as a dog, domestic dog or candidate. So from the very getgo, we knew that these Texas chupacabras were candidates. And this has been kind of supported by multiple DNA tests. Through the years I've endured, I've examined the remains of at least a half dozen of these things. They, you know, they are definitively candidates, but they do have some weird features. Now, a lot of people will say that they are Oh, yeah, we'll get to that. That one here in a minute. A lot of people will say that. You know, the name chupacabra. You know, it at this point, it really has become a little bit more of a clickbait situation where I think like, you know, throw the throw the name, drop, but



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like, yeah, I would tend to agree with you. It is it is definitely a buzzword.



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Yeah, like, hey, it's a cool sounding word. So. But in terms of the people that want to dispel all of these as merely quote unquote, mangy coyotes, I think that's a little bit in my opinion. It's a little bit of a disservice and I'll tell you why. Many ranchers and people in Texas have seen mangy coyotes mange Of course, sarcoptic mange, sir coped escapee, I think is a Latin as a little mite that gets in the fur of, of different animals, like dogs, coyotes, they scratch, they, the hair falls out, they chew, they scratch. Look at this animal, look how uniformly, its hair has gone. Yeah, except for a little tuft or a mohawk right there on the back of the neck. I've seen it on other specimens, too. Furthermore, the skin doesn't look kind of necrotic and kind of, I don't know, tough, leathery. But you don't see I don't see a lot of like scabs, or bloody patches or anything that indicate it was scratching or chewing, right. I'm also many of these animals that I've examined had have had unusual dentition weird teeth, disproportionate limbs gross on their bodies. So there seem to be at least in my opinion, are there are other things going on here with these animals? They are candidates, their dogs? Do they drink blood that would that's what I guess that would be the ultimate definition of chupacabra. Right is just sucking the blood

of false shirt that's been alleged by a couple of ranchers that I've spoken to that have killed these animals or found these animals dead, but there's no scientific evidence for that. Now let's talk about the one that you have the bone for that. That is known as the router's Ville. Chupacabra this was an animal that was rode killed near routers, Ville, Texas, which is up near Fayetteville. And I was investigating a property starting in 2009 where there were a lot of these animals running around people were seeing them all the time and a lot of the neighbors were seeing just up the road is routers Ville, one of these strange looking candidates dogs had been road killed. And it was so weird looking Christopher that there were a bunch of cars pulled over by the side of the road and people were kind of standing around gawking at this thing. Like what the heck is this? Well, fortunately, someone had the wherewithal to throw the thing in the back of his pickup truck. And he got it to a gentleman named Harvey Hayek who's the guy who owns the property where I'd been doing investigations. And Harvey he called me up one day and said, Hey, can I got I got a body a carcass and one of these Chupacabra things you want it? I said, sure. I'll be right. There is two and a half hour drive from San Antonio but headed out there. Unfortunately, he, well, he had put it in a cooler full of ice, Christopher, but as you know, a cooler full of ice sitting out in the Texas sun for a couple of days or a day or so. Half a day, man. Yeah. So by the time I got there, this thing was rank, it was rotting more than water labelling. It was just water tepidly as I dumped out the water I think I put it back, packed it back and ice and put it in a cooler and at that time, I was driving a Chevy Equinox which, you know, the thing really, the smell premium is gonna



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say you were intimately near



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it was free. It was pretty bad. I called a friend of mine on the way to San Antonio police officer who I knew was a pretty resourceful guy and asked him if he knew anyone that could loan me a small cooler. You know, which I guess for whatever reason I ended up probably to his benefit, or is whoever's belong to I didn't borrow that cooler because I might have contaminated but I brought this thing back to San Antonio with me. I kept it in this cooler full of ice packed on my patio and in my apartment complex. And I'm sure Christopher that my neighbors some of my neighbors thought I was a serial killer there for at least a couple of days there. Yeah. I called around to different taxidermist. This is my first thought was, Wow, I could get this thing mounted. That would be you know, very useful. But none of the taxidermists I called wanted to touch it. They said it sounded like it was too far gone, et cetera, et cetera. So I took it over to I had a friend who owns a house here in San Antonio, good friend, obviously, you'd have to be a good friend to let you do this. I said, Can I bury this thing in your backyard, but first I'm gonna examine it. He was like, Sure. So I brought it over, dumped it out on a tarp took a lot of photos and measurements. It did appear obviously to be a Canad. It skin was intact. It was kind of a not so much bluish gray, but maybe more of a dark brown color, but it was almost completely hairless. It had a strange overbite, its upper mandible was really extended beyond its lower and its limbs were disproportionate its front limbs were seem to be much shorter than its really limbs are just kind of rich. I had some some strange genetic anomalies. So I buried it in his yard. And this is this is a funny story. I don't know if I told this at the conference or not. But yeah, I think I did. So right is we're burying this thing in his backyard. This this dog like animal, his neighbor who he had been having problems with, because his neighbor had a loud barking

dog. stuck his head over the fence. He goes, Hey, if you guys see my dog got out of my back yard. And of course, here we are. Both of us would like shovels in hand and this carcass in a tarp? Yeah, no, we'll keep an eye open for it. No. I buried it in his yard for a year. And then in 2013, I was contacted by National Geographic. They were doing a documentary or a special a TV show on joopa Cabras. And I said, Hey, I've got an idea. Why don't you send your crew over and I will exhume the carcass of this thing. And we'll see where it's at in terms of decomposition, and maybe we can get the bones or whatever. Yeah. I don't know if you want me to this is kind of a sidebar here. But it's a really ridiculous story in terms of the silliest TV show that I've ever worked for. So it was a show. It was a show called Monster project. I don't recommend that anyone look it up. I was told initially that it was going to be very scientific, you know, it's not it's I was actually Nat Geo wild. So a subsidiary of national giga, it's gonna be very scientific, blah, blah, blah. The first day, I show up, or I show up at the property that morning at 11am. We had scheduled a meet up time for 11 o'clock in the morning to start filming. And, like show up at 11 o'clock, and they're not there the crews not there. Well, you know, working in television, like Christopher, that's not that's doesn't happen. Yeah. So I call it I call it the producer. I said, Hey, I'm here at the location. You guys come in and the producer responded, oh, you're there. I was like, yeah, 11 o'clock. But we scheduled I probably coming off as a little bit intolerant here. But you know, I'm an I'm an OCD guy. So it's like,



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oh, I mean, appointment. I mean, yeah, yeah. But the TV



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show tell you as they finally showed up, they gave me a whole song and dance about how they were on a tight budget. So they, you know, they weren't going to be able to pay us a lot or whatever. But somehow strangely, they had like 315 Passenger rental vans full of crew and they did buy some pizzas. I guess we should be thankful for that. But I did. We dug we dug the thumb thing up. And, oh, God, it's still stumped to Holy hell, man when I undid that tar. And, of course, maybe a little bit too graphic here. But when you bury something in the ground for a year, it doesn't necessarily decompose that fast. So it was still kind of slimy and gross. And it was, but I'll never forget the look of the some of the female producers were particularly offended. They were kinda like, you know, sending about 40 yards away and kneeling down and probably retching. But I did manage to this time I kept the bones and then of course, I clean them and bleach them and all the things that you're supposed to do with the animal carcass. And so that's, that's what you got. There is a rib from that. So called routers, Ville, Juba, copper is featured on that geo while and but you know, it's a candidate. We had a DNA test done, I should say that they did spring for a DNA test on a tissue sample, and it came back as a domestic dog, genus, Canis familiaris. So there was a like a feral dog, basically. But again, Christopher, it had these weird. I mean, there were things you know, it wasn't just a mangy dog. There were there was something else going on in terms of other physical abnormalities now, going the long way around the barn here, but by the way, I finally saw one of these animals alive in 2018, outside of Corsicana, Texas, in the middle of the house. So they're not as rare people still send me photos from time to time, but they're out there. I think the greatest mystery is, you know, even if, even if we can't fully explain why they look like this, which in my mind are not just mangy. I think there's more going on



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here. Yeah, I mean, even even this one from Alabama whenever you look at it, like I've seen main John animals before, things like that, but there is a distinct striation pattern to what looks to be this dog's undercoating, coloration, things like that. Like that is that is once again, it would be a pretty distinct scratching pattern. For it to be caused by mange you would expect



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that and maybe more patches of hair on its body. Yeah, I think there's for my money. I think there's a genetic genetic component at work here. I think that there mange could be a factor. Absolutely. But I think that these animals are also you know, I don't want to get melodramatic but in terms of mutation. One thing that I've noticed is by plotting all of the, or most of the sightings that I'm familiar with of these animals in Texas, and by the way, most cryptozoologist now refer to these as the Texas Blue Dogs. Sounds like a football team or something, but it's actually it is an official name for this version of the chupacabra. I noticed that most of the most of the sightings of these animals have occurred around coal burning power plants, which fortunately are becoming less prevalent, and a lot of them are shutting down now. But back in that time, in the early 2000s, there were still several coal burning power plants in Texas. And in fact, from Harvey high X property, close to where the rooters built up, God was found you can clearly see the smoke billowing out of a big coal burning power plant down the road there. If I can get on my soapbox for a moment, please hold burning power plants emit tons of lead, mercury, sulfur dioxide, all kinds of horrible stuff in the atmosphere and gets into the air probably gets into the water system. And so sometimes when we have these pollution incidents, we have things that are known as indicator species, oftentimes, it's amphibians, you know, sure. Some of your folks may remember the deformed frogs that turned up in Minnesota years ago that had like extra legs and all kinds of weird. So I think that you know, we could be looking at basically pollution or environmental factors here in terms of pollutants and things getting into the water system, maybe getting into smaller animals that these dogs and coyotes are eating and so forth.



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So straight up at share noble right now as we speak. There is a new genetic breed of dog decay that exists now specifically because of its proximity to the toxins of Cher noble.



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That's pretty wild west I'm just so do what you're



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talking I mean, we know we uncover more and more every year just epigenetically about human beings kin, and about how literally changing your diet will change the epigenetics of your son, your offspring, things like that. So if you think that environmental changes to a

generation or two of animals will not offspring this stuff Oh, my God. I don't know. I guess I would beg to differ. Because pretty rapidly.

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That's a great point, Christopher. Good, Nick. Good knowledge you're bringing in there. Yeah, then yeah.

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This is fairly new information. Like here it is from Smithsonian Magazine. Talking about the new dish stray dogs that they're finding it Chernobyl. It's It's pretty wild. This is all literally news from a month or so ago. Wow. So yeah. Pretty interesting that you bring up the fact that it may be a genetic difference in the breed something like that, especially due to pollutants in in its environment.

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Yeah. And I forgot to mention that. To your point. Sulfur dioxide has been found to be a mutagen. In laboratory rats. Yep. So it can actually alter the genetic code of lab animals. So absolutely. So yeah, these are weird, sad, kind of sad mutations. I think for disease. Maybe the genetic changes are also making your immune systems weaker, which is causing the mange when they have manged to have a more severe impact on their physiology and things like that. Yeah, but who knows, these things are everywhere now. So I'm not surprised at all that there's one being photographed in Alabama, I've gotten pictures people have sent me from Maine, Tennessee, Mississippi, Missouri, pretty much all over the place. I think these things are kind of now it is alarming that there are so many of them all of a sudden, I think again, that's points to an environmental factors.

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Exactly. I was just about to say the same thing that just the fact that they are popping up more unnecessarily the fact of oh, people are out looking for them more. But more the fact of seems like they are breeding more.

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Yeah. But you know, it's still a bit of a mystery. I think. I don't think it's certainly not no longer considered a cryptid. Technically, it's not these things are cryptids they're just they are mysterious, though. I think they're, they're mysterious aspects to these animals. For sure.

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Yeah. Yeah, absolutely. And once again, especially their proliferation over the last few years,

because yeah, I mean, I remember when the first one was found stuff like that. There have definitely been numerous sightings. Or just over the last couple years of things here and in the Lone Star State, so

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tons. Oh, and one last thing I should mention, interesting. Phyllis Canyon, who's often referred to as the chupacabra, lady, she's the She's the lady a friend of mine down in quiero, who has one of these things mounted in her living room she's found to have them road killed near her property. She has an interesting she's a nutritionist, and she has she had an interesting theory about why these animals may in fact be maybe not sucking the blood but lapping up the blood of the animals they kill. Sure. And this could potentially be because they are anemic and they are suffering from iron deficiencies and other minerals, and therefore they may crave blood in terms of a nutritional supplement. Yeah, so it's kind of I'd like to kind of that outside of the box theory that maybe they are in fact lapping up blood from chickens and things and some

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animals just like it. Yeah, sure. I mean, I'm not gonna lie. I prefer a rare medium rare steak. As does my son. But I literally have one cat that will only steak or meat if it's cooked. And another one that will only eat it if it's raw. One once it's touched Japan doesn't matter how much butter has on it, whatever. Zero Interest but while you're cutting that steak like once chunks of raw meat so pretty. Domestic cats

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now that that's true, you're right. My family was kind of the same way. My dad Dad this is a northern thing but you know would always order the black and blue steak which is basically just means lightly charged legally. Yeah, exactly. Like charge on the outside but bloody and raw on the inside. So that was a thing of my family as well. So well,

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you know, and it just the, the hypothesis that Phil is puts out is a really, really good one to put out because As Yeah, things like that any kind of illness, any kind of continued sickness along the bloodline would definitely lead to such things feel free to, especially if you're talking about any kind of pure blood species that may not be crossbreeding because of its deficiencies.

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Absolutely. You

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know, there wouldn't be a whole lot of strong crossbreeding going on because that's not really

know, there wouldn't be a whole lot of strong crossbreeding going on because that's not really the desirable mate. You know, you take a look at a Dalmatian breed anything like that, that has been strong, inbred, and yeah, you start getting deafness, blindness, anemia, all kinds of issues like that.

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You just and I know we were kind of lingering on this subject we used to remind him because there are a lot of different interesting angles to this. I've had people contact me that's that have suggested that these animals may in fact be related to hairless breeds of dogs like Mexican Cholos. And I had a dog breeder near Austin, your elderly lady that breeds Peruvian Inca orchids, which are hairless dogs, she hadn't come out to her property one time to see her hairless dogs and they do have some of the similarities in terms of the type of skin texture they have and whatever genetic condition that causes certain breeds of dogs to be hairless also gives them typically strange looking dentition known as scissor mouth. So their teeth are very weird looking. And she actually had a theory similar to that, that maybe some of these hairless dogs had escaped not from her facility, but from another fear dog breeder and had been, you know, crossbreeding with crossbreeding with coyotes and

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creating a new new version of koi dog. Exactly. And

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I still have people, you know, in fact, this week, someone just messaged me out of the blue and was like, Hey, these are things are cellos. And they're, they're very sure that it's it's an interesting theory, but we just don't know. Yeah, absolutely. I

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want to thank you so much for your time to come on. We really do need to do something like this every few months can where it's just a cryptid news update.

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I always enjoy speaking with you, my friend is saying,

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Man, I know you have tons of appearances coming up. We only have a couple minutes here left with you before we let you go. I want to give you time to shamelessly self promote let everybody know where they can go to come out meet you live, where they can go to buy your books where they can go to follow all of the amazing adventures of Ken Gerhart,



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but I appreciate it, buddy. I have a website, Ken gerhard.com. I'm also on social media, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, I have a YouTube channel. People can find my books on Amazon, and eBay. In terms of appearances coming up, you're right things are getting kind of busy. But if anyone would like to come out and meet me, and I typically do lectures and presentations at these events, but I'll be at the East Tennessee Paragon and Morris town next weekend. I'll be at the West Texas Paragon and may 13. That's out and Ballenger kind of your Abilene be at the key Ameche mountain Bigfoot festival and tell Hina Oklahoma also in May Oh, wow. Yeah, that should be a new event as well. And West Virginia Bigfoot festival and of course, one that we talked about the really excited about is the second dog man cryptid Conference, which is being held up in white settlement, which is right near Lake Worth, Texas, home of the famous Lake Worth monster or Goat Man. And that's going to be Labor Day weekend. It's a two day event. Our friend Josh Turner and paranormal roundtable is a sponsor. And there's going to be two days of excellent presentations and lectures covering a whole range of cryptids and weird creatures.



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Yeah, it's going to be a very, very epic event. I cannot wait for it. It's going to be awesome. Can't wait to see you there. And I'm sure I'll be seeing you before then. But I want to thank you so much for the time for coming on and telling the amazing story behind this envious prize that is now on my church t shirt. Hold the mind real quick while we lay it proudly. I do anybody that asked like what's that about? I'm like, Oh, that is a purported Chupacabra bone from vermin investigation.



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Yeah, yeah. 2012 it's



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right back there next to my my, my lament cube from Hellraiser. So, oh, sweet. All kinds of wild things can happen on that shelf. Hold. Hold the Line real quick while we close things out with the audience. Ken. While you are online, checking out all the amazing work of Ken Gerhart, at Ken Gerhard duck. Make sure to stop on by curious round.com forward slash store that is, of course another location where you can find all of the books from our guests. Curious realm.com forward slash video was our newly constructed or reconstructed Videos page where we embed all of the channels of our guests so stop on by curious realm.com forward slash VIDEOS. Make sure to subscribe to King Earhart's content. Make sure to keep up with everything that he is doing, folks. Take care of yourselves take care of each other. Keep your minds and hearts open. And until next time, stay curious. We'll talk to you soon. Bye bye. Thank you for tuning into this episode of The Curious realm. Stay tuned for more guests forbidden topics hidden hidden truths. Download the official curious realm app and view the knowledge vault on our website curious realm.com Follow us on social media by searching curious realm. Curious realm is available on your favorite podcast services as well as YouTube, Roku, Amazon Fire and Apple

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