

Spooky Signals

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OPENING

Open on a black screen

KATIE

Alright... looks like we're recording now.

BRANDON

Are you sure? You said that the last three times...

KATIE

Yes, I'm sure, dummy! Now, just do your big dramatic opening already!

BRANDON

Fine, but this better be the last time I have to do this!

BRANDON

Westbrook is a small town that many of you have probably never heard of. It's located right on the eastern border of Indiana and within spitting distance of Ohio.

KATIE

Gross!

BRANDON

Excuse me! This is my opening! Now, where was I... Oh right!

BRANDON

It may be small, but it's my sister, Katie, and I's home. People say strange things happen in small towns all the time. But not like this. 3 days ago our dog, Sunny, disappeared. Our parents say he just ran away, but we know better. Something happened to Sunny and we're gonna get to the bottom of it.

KATIE

Well said, little brother.

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EVENT 1 - RADIO: CHANNEL 155.3 AFTER 7:15 AM

NEWS REPORTER

It's gonna be a sad Memorial Day weekend in Westbrook this year, Tom! We've got reports from local farms that there have been extreme amounts of produce loss this year. Farmer Jim has stated his crops seem to be taken at night between the hours of 8:45 and midnight. In a few weeks, there may be no corn left for anyone's cookouts! A real tragedy to say the least. Now, back to Tom in the studio.

BRANDON

Seem's odd. Maybe we should look into that.

EVENT 2 - LOCATION : CORN FIELD 8:45 PM - 12 PM

RADIO KATIE

Alright, I'm here Brandon.

BRANDON

Do you see anything?

RADIO KATIE

I see some of Farmer Jim's crops, but It looks kinda like the corn has been cut, not eaten.

BRANDON

That's weird... who would steal Farmer Jim's corn?

RADIO KATIE

Wait, I think I just heard something. Should I go check it out?

BRANDON

Yes, but be careful.

RADIO KATIE

It looks like... pawprints? Hey! They look like Sunny's size!

BRANDON

Really! Where do they lead?

RADIO KATIE

Away from the field. I started following them but they just vanish!

BRANDON

Sunny can't have just disappeared!

RADIO KATIE

I know but that's what it looks like. There's more though Brandon. With Sunny's paw prints there's some sort of 3 toed creature walking beside him.

BRANDON

That's weird. Alright, come on back to the treehouse.

EVENT 3 - RADIO: CHANNEL 127.8 BEFORE 10 AM

NEWS REPORTER

Good Morning Westbrook! Clear skies and low humidity means it's another lovely day for the Westbrook Annual Fair! So grab your family and join us in the town square for the festivities at noon!

KATIE

Can we please go? I really want a funnel cake!

BRANDON

Fine... you can go. I'll hold down the fort, but take your walkie talkie and camera with you!

KATIE

Anything to get me some of that powdered sugary goodness!

EVENT 4 - LOCATION: TOWN SQUARE - AFTER 12 PM

BRANDON

Katie, do you copy?

RADIO KATIE

Mm, yes! This funnel cake is delicious!

BRANDON

Can you focus, please!

RADIO KATIE

Alright, alright! I don't see anything weird yet. Except for maybe that really short guy in a trenchcoat? Is his skin green?

BRANDON

Katie... that's suspicious! What is he doing?

RADIO KATIE

Uh, it looks like he's throwing something away? Like a scrap of paper, I think?

BRANDON

Can you follow them?

RADIO KATIE

No... I'm losing him in the crowd! What should I do?

BRANDON

Can you check the trash can and see if you can find what he threw away?

RADIO KATIE

I think so, one sec.

RADIO KATIE

I've got it! Looks like a code of some sort? It says "Much timber masks the light of day, be there when the clock strikes grey."

BRANDON

Ugh, this is so frustrating! What is that supposed to mean?

RADIO KATIE

Would it help if I brought you back a corn dog?

BRANDON

Yes, yes it would.

EVENT 5 - RADIO: CHANNEL 97.5 - WHENEVER

A song plays on the radio.

KATIE

This song is so weird.

SINGER

*My day is grey... when you are away.
Don't waste my time, but baby stay
past nine.*

BRANDON

Wait a minute, the note!

KATIE

What about it?

BRANDON

Don't you see? The note said, "be
there when the clock strikes grey!" In
this song, the singer says grey and
the time 9 o'clock!

KATIE

But what about the location? Where
does "much timber mask the light of
day?"

EVENT 6 - LOCATION : FORREST - 9 AM

RADIO KATIE

I don't see anything Brandon. I think
we're too late.

BRANDON

We can't be! Something has to be
there!

RADIO KATIE

Wait, I think I see something! It
looks like someone carved some numbers
in a tree here?

BRANDON

What's it say?

RADIO KATIE

4.99? Seems too small to be a radio
frequency though.

BRANDON

I'll write that down. Come on back to
the treehouse and we'll figure it out.

EVENT 7 - RADIO: 99.4 - ANY TIME

BRANDON

Rember that number you found on the tree sis?

KATIE

Yeah, 4.99? Did you figure it out?

BRANDON

I think so! If you reverse it you get 99.4 which is a working radio frequency! Listen!

ADVERTISEMENT

Come on down to Moe's Junkyard at the corner of Sycamore and Pine St. We've got all the scrap metal you could want! Our guard dogs keep it nice and safe from any unwanted guests! We hope to see you soon! Our hours are 9 am - 4 pm!

KATIE

That sounds like it! Maybe we should go by after-hours though, I don't want any salesman getting in the way of our investigation.

BRANDON

What are you gonna do about the guard dogs though?

KATIE

Leave that to me!

EVENT 8 - LOCATION: JUNKYARD - BETWEEN 4PM - 9 AM

RADIO KATIE

Here puppy, puppy, puppies...

BRANDON

What are you doing?

RADIO KATIE

I brought some meat from the freezer with me! I'm sure the dogs won't be too angry once they get a nice juicy steak!

BRANDON
Whatever you say.

RADIO KATIE
Uh, Brandon? I think I found some more of those three-toed footprints. This time it looks like a whole pack of dogs are with them!

BRANDON
Can you follow them again?

RADIO KATIE
No, they disappear just like last time. But there's some markings at the end of the trail in the dirt! It says 103.0 - 10.30

BRANDON
Great another secret. I think that's all we needed, you can come on back, Katie.

EVENT 9 - RADIO: CHANNEL 103.0 - 10:30 AM

PODCAST HOST
Thanks for tuning in my faithful listeners and welcome back to *Westbrook: Truth Unveiled*. As always, I'm your host, Frank Jenkinson.

BRANDON
I've got something!

PODCAST HOST
I apologize for the podcast time, this is the only hole I can find when the government turns lets their guard down and I can break through their walls.

KATIE
Oh boy.

PODCAST HOST
Now for those new listeners out there, welcome. This show is all about getting to the bottom of all the abnormalities the foolish folks of Westbrook refuse to accept! But not us listeners, not us!

BRANDON

Ok I admit, he's a bit crazy, but he may still know something important!

KATIE

Really Brandon? Just a bit crazy?

BRANDON

Shhhh! He's talking!

PODCAST HOST

Today, we continue with the topic of aliens.

BRANDON AND KATIE

Aliens?

PODCAST HOST

That's right, aliens! As I'm sure many of you intelligent folk have noticed, there have been some weird occurrences going on around town. Corn crops being cut down in the dead of night, weird figures at the town fair, and many canine companions disappearing.

PODCAST HOST

I'm a little too old myself to be chasing down these things so that's why I'm leaving it up to kids. If you're interested in having access to my wealth of knowledge, come to my home and we'll discuss things. I'll have to disguise my location as I don't want the government finding me... again. So here's the clue "Formula 1 is my favorite sport!" Meet me there at 7:30 am on the dot! No earlier, no later, or else I'll know you aren't to be trusted! That's all I can say for now dear listeners. So remember, keep your eyes open...

BRANDON

What could he mean by Formula 1 is his favorite sport?

KATIE

I don't know but I know for a fact I am not looking forward to meeting this crazy guy once we figure it out.

CLICK ON COORDINATES

BRANDON

What was the podcast host's clue again?

KATIE

"Formula 1 is my favorite sport." Why?

BRANDON

What if by formula 1 he means F1? Look at this map of Westbrook! The coordinates F and 1 meet up in the middle of nowhere!

KATIE

That's where his house could be! Great work Brandon! Now I just have to be there at 7:30 in the morning!

EVENT 10 - LOCATION: CONSPIRACY THEORIST HOUSE

RADIO KATIE

Why did this have to be so early...

BRANDON

I know, I'm not a fan either but we have to do it for Sunny!

RADIO KATIE

I hope we find him soon. I'm so worried about him.

BRANDON

Me too sis. But don't worry, we will.

RADIO KATIE

Alright, I'm getting close to the coordinates. Looks like we were right! There's a house all the way out here.

BRANDON

Do you see Mr. Jenkinson?

RADIO KATIE

I think I see him sitting on the front porch there. Looks like he has a shotgun in his lap. Do you think it's safe?

BRANDON

I think so. He's the one that gave away the coordinates to his house. We figured it out and you're there at the time he said.

RADIO KATIE

Well, here goes nothing... Hello? Mr. Jenkinson?

RADIO MR. JENKINSON

What are you doing all the way out here little girl? Get lost!

RADIO KATIE

I'm here for the information you talked about on your podcast. My brother and I followed your clues out here.

RADIO MR. JENKINSON

Ah, is that so? Come on and get inside. We can't have the government listening in on this conversation.

RADIO KATIE

The government?

RADIO MR. JENKINSON

Yes, yes. I've put tin foil in the insulation so their listening devices can't penetrate the walls. Now come on.

RADIO KATIE

Uh, alright...

RADIO MR. JENKINSON

Now, where's this brother of yours?

RADIO KATIE

He's listening in on the radio. I'm the field agent and he's my intelligence.

BRANDON

Hi, Mr. Jenkinson...

RADIO MR. JENKINSON

Well, aren't you kids cute! Since no one else seems to have broken my code I guess you'll have to do.

BRANDON

Are you sure it wasn't just that no one else was listening? It really wasn't that hard of a code to crack.

RADIO MR. JENKINSON

Shut up, kid! Anyway as I was saying, my devices have picked up strange signals coming from radio channel 112.1. It seems like the aliens are trying to relay some sort of message but I can't figure out what it is. I've noticed the abnormalities tend to occur at 8:45 am and 2:15 pm going back to static.

RADIO KATIE

Interesting, can you tell us anything else about these aliens?

RADIO MR. JENKINSON

In case you haven't noticed, they really like corn for some unknown reason. I've been saving some up as a potential bargaining tool in case they should deem us humans inferior and decide to wipe us out. It seems you kids could get better use out of it than I could though.

RADIO KATIE

Thank you sir.

RADIO MR. JENKINSON

Of course, now get going! I have other important conspiracy matters to attend to!

BRANDON

Well, that was helpful! Head back to the treehouse and we'll figure this radio signal code out.

EVENT 11 - RADIO: CHANNEL 112.1 - 2: 15 PM

BRANDON

This is the channel, looks like we're right on time too.

RADIO

(static cuts out, morse code)

- . -. .--. --

KATIE

What the heck is that supposed to mean?

BRANDON

I'm not sure but we gotta figure it out somehow!

EVENT 12 - RADIO: CHANNEL 112.1 - 8:45 AM

BRANDON

It's just about time for the second code!

RADIO

(static cuts out)

1-2-1-14-4-15-14-5-4

RADIO

13-9-14-5

BRANDON

Well, that was odd.

KATIE

What do you think it means?

BRANDON

I'm not sure yet. Let's keep working.

EVENT 13 - LOCATION: ABANDONED MINE - 10 PM

KATIE

Are you sure I should be here Brandon? This place looks kinda creepy...

BRANDON

I'm sure. The letter to numbers code said Abandoned Mine and the morse

code clue said 10 pm. This is it.

KATIE

Wait. Something is coming down from the sky! Is that a flying saucer?!?

BRANDON

Really? What'd happening, Katie? Stay on the line!

KATIE

It's-it's landing in front of me!
There's a hatch opening and-BRANDON
IT'S SUNNY! HE'S HERE!

SUNNY

Bark bark!

ALIEN

Hello, human hatchlings. We are very impressed with your efforts to find us.

BRANDON

Keep calm, it may be friendly.

RADIO KATIE

Uhhh thank you? I'm sorry to bother you Mr. Alien, but can we have our dog back? I have this corn for you...?

ALIEN

Thank you small one. We will gladly accept this offering. We are no longer in need of your furry beast companion anyway. You may have it back as well as the rest of them.

RADIO KATIE

Oh thank you so much! We've missed Sunny a lot! If you don't mind me asking, why did you need him and all the other dogs anyway?

ALIEN

These creatures are ideal for carrying large amounts of the material you call "corn". You see, the reason We are here in the first place is our ship crash-landed here on our way back to our planet. I need this "corn" to

power our ship and return to our home planet. It would have taken me much longer to get there had it not been for the help of these easily persuaded beasts. Their desire to please for sustenance has no bounds.

RADIO KATIE

See! I told you, Brandon!

BRANDON

Whatever! But wait, why did you keep leaving clues for us to find if you just wanted to get home?

ALIEN

I was intrigued by your intellect and wanted to test the limits of your minds. But now I must be going. This is the last material component I need to get back home. Goodbye human hatchlings.

BRANDON

That was amazing Katie! Did you get all that on video?

RADIO KATIE

Yes I- oh no! I forgot to press record! No one will ever believe us now!

BRANDON

It's ok, what matters is that we have Sunny back! I just can't believe we got to talk to a real-life alien!

RADIO KATIE

I can't believe we have to tell mom we have 12 new dogs!

THE END

SIDE MISSIONS

EVENT V - RADIO: CHANNEL 131.2

BRANDON

Wait... I'm getting something...

KATIE

What is it?

SPORTS COMMENTATOR

Johnson passes the ball to Smith! He's at the 40-he's at the 30 and he's down! And just in time too, looks like a cat has entered the field?

BRANDON

Ha! Dad won't be too happy about that!

KATIE

Poor thing.

EVENT W - RADIO: CHANNEL 119.6

NEWS REPORTER

Several reports of strange howling noises coming from the abandoned home on West Michigan Street have been coming in. The Mayor of Westbrook released a statement today insuring all citizens that it is, in fact, just the wind. Back to you, Carol.

BRANDON

That's weird? Maybe we should check it out?

KATIE

You mean I should check it out?

BRANDON

Hey, we're a team you know!

KATIE

I know, I know! I'm just messing with ya!

EVENT X - LOCATION: ABANDONED HOUSE

RADIO KATIE

This looks like the place.

BRANDON

Can you hear any howling?

RADIO KATIE

Not yet. I'm gonna go check it out though.

BRANDON

Just be careful.

RADIO KATIE

Careful is my middle name, little brother!

knock knock knock

RADIO KATIE

Hello? Is anyone home?

GHOST

Hello there little girl.

BRANDON

Is that a-

RADIO KATIE

Uh-huh... Hello ma'am. If you don't mind me asking, are you the source of all the howling?

GHOST

Please, call me Anya. I admit that was me. My apologies, my child, but I cannot help it. I howl in pain from my life's greatest sorrows.

RADIO KATIE

Well, what's wrong? Maybe my brother and I can help?

GHOST

Unless you are able to help a spirit travel into the great beyond, I'm afraid there's nothing you can do.

BRANDON

Not yet but maybe we can figure it out.

GHOST

If you can, I would be forever in your debt.

RADIO KATIE

We'll do whatever we can!

EVENT Y - LOCATION: SCHOOL - AFTER SPEAKING WITH GHOST

KATIE

Why did you want me to go to our school again? It's summer! The last place I wanna be is here.

BRANDON

We need to figure out how to lead a ghost into the great beyond. What better place to check first for information than the school library!

KATIE

As nerdy as that sounds, you're probably right.

EVENT Z - LOCATION: CEMETARY - AFTER GETTING KNOWLEDGE FROM SCHOOL

OPTION 1) GOING TO A LOCATION WHEN NO EVENT IS HAPPENING

BRANDON

Are you there yet?

KATIE

Yes I just got here. So impatient...

BRANDON

I am not! That's beside the point though what do you see?

KATIE

I see... nothing. Are you sure this is where I should be?

BRANDON

Now I'm having second thoughts. Come on back to the treehouse.

OPTION 2) GOING TO A LOCATION WHEN NO EVENT IS HAPPENING

KATIE

This is boring... Can I come back yet?

BRANDON

Just a little longer! There has to be something there!

KATIE

There's nothing here Brandon, I've looked everywhere.

BRANDON

I must have missed something. You can leave and we'll figure it out together.

KATIE

Thank goodness. I'll be back soon.

OPTION 3) GOING TO A LOCATION WHEN NO EVENT IS HAPPENING

KATIE

Is there a reason I'm here Brandon?

BRANDON

Uhhh, yes?

KATIE

What is it?

BRANDON

I don't remember... you can come back I guess.

OPTION 4) GOING TO A LOCATION WHEN NO EVENT IS HAPPENING

BRANDON

What's your status report, Katie?

KATIE

I am picking flowers.

BRANDON

What? Why aren't you looking for clues?

KATIE

I did! There's nothing here!

BRANDON

You could have told me that!

KATIE

But I wanted to pick flowers!

BRANDON

Just come back to the treehouse!

OPTION 4) GOING TO A LOCATION WHEN NO EVENT IS HAPPENING

KATIE

I don't think there's anything here.

BRANDON

Zzzzzzzzz

KATIE

Brandon?

BRANDON

ZZZzzzzzz

KATIE

BRANDON!

BRANDON

Huh? What? Did you find something?

KATIE

I'm coming back to the treehouse.

REMINDER AFTER EVENT 1

BRANDON

We should really check out that farm today. Something weird has to be going on there!

KATIE

Maybe if we go tonight between 8:45 and midnight I can even catch whatever is stealing the corn on video!

REMINDER AFTER EVENT 3

KATIE

Can I please go to the fair today! I don't wanna miss out on all the fun!

BRANDON

I know. You can take a break. Just remember to still take your equipment. It starts at noon so that should still be plenty of time for us to do some investigating.

KATIE

Yes! Funnel cake here I come!

REMINDER AFTER EVENT 4

BRANDON

What was that weird message again?

KATIE

"Much timber masks the light of day, be there when the clock strikes grey."

BRANDON

Maybe something on the radio can help us figure it out.

REMINDER AFTER EVENT 5

KATIE

Well, we figured out that the grey hour is 9, but where does "much timber mask the light of day"?

REMINDER AFTER EVENT 6

BRANDON

I can't get that number out of my head. What is supposed to mean 4.99?

REMINDER AFTER EVENT 7

KATIE

I'm ready to go check out that junkyard whenever you are!

BRANDON

Do you remember their hours?

KATIE

Yeah! It was 9 am - 4 pm!

REMINDER AFTER EVENT 8

BRANDON

I still can't get over the fact this thing left a message in the dirt. I wonder who it's trying to communicate with.

KATIE

I know right! I just don't get it.

BRANDON

103.0 - 10.30 has to mean something...

REMINDER AFTER EVENT 9

KATIE

We still need to figure out that crazy guy's secret message. Why does he like Formula 1 so much?

BRANDON

More importantly, why did he feel the need to tell us?

KATIE

We'll figure it out eventually. We also have to remember to go 7:30 am as well though

REMINDER AFTER EVENT 10

KATIE

Remind me again what Mr. Jenkinson wanted us to do?

BRANDON

He said we needed to listen to channel 112.1 at 8:45 am and 2:15 pm.

KATIE

Oh, right!

REMINDER AFTER EVENT 11 AND 12

BRANDON

This is all getting so crazy. You wrote down those codes, right?

KATIE

Yup! The first one was - . -. ---. --

KATIE

And the second was 1-2-1-14-4-15-14-5-
4 and 13-9-14-5

BRANDON

We're getting so close!