'Animal,' Episode 2: Puffins

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hey it's Michael today we have something really special for you a blissful break

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from the news it's a new series from nyt audio called animal my colleague Sam

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Anderson from the Times magazine traveled the world to have encounters with animals not to claim them or to

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tame them but just to appreciate them each episode is a journey to get closer

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to a creature that Sam loves for the next 6 weeks we'll be running this limited series every Sunday here on the

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daily feed but if you want to hear all the episodes right now you can search for it wherever you get your podcasts

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today episode 2 take a

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listen Walnut stop it hey hey

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hey wet

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no oh there once was a puffin just the shape of a muffin and he lived on an

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island in the bright blue sea smells like a fish yeah you smell

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that yeah where's that coming from the boat he ate little fishes that were most

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delicious sound like fish and he had them for supper and he had them for tea

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hello but this poor little Puffin he couldn't play nothing for he hadn't

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anybody to play with at all it's the boat that smells like fish so he sat on

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his Island and he cried for a while smells so much like fish and he felt very lonely and he felt very

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small then Along Came the fishes there's no doubt about what it smells like it smells like fish and they said if you

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wishes you can have us for Playmates in instead of for tea so they now play

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together in all sorts of weather and the Puffin eats pancakes like you and like

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me where we're going driving off the ferry I recently

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went to iand foggy and rainy yeah with my colleague Caitlyn Roberts like a

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movie set yeah it really is and not just a regular Iceland the green is so green

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I'm talking about extra super remote sea spray Rocky Cliffs tiny Island way

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off the south coast of Iceland Iceland proceed to theout we want to be going because on that island maybe it's up

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here there is a single fishing Village up stairs and in that fishing Village

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there is a house with a white door and when you knock on that door

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hi you will be greeted by a very polite family Sam hia a mom named saava and her

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teenage son Tristy Tristy Tristy and the dad this is my dad siky siky hello Sam

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all of whom have invited you over for dinner delicious food thank you very

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good very good thank

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you where are you from America I from the Far West West Coast

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from a place called Oregon

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yep have you been to the United States no and at first it's going to be really

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awkward because you're strangers our daughter is going to wedding now in

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Texas Texas very American mhm but now I know

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all kinds of accents from America over the course of the dinner I'm going to go

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rock the train with my horse called Buckley Buckley and Australian do you came here to die no I

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came here you have to die things will loosen up I play guitar and uh vocals in

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general vocals that

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sounds this is our sleepy music

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and eventually you'll get around to the real reason you're here but uh

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puffins yeah Puffin Puffin

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puff from The New York Times I'm Sam Anderson this is

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animal episode two puffins

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why do you have some interest in puffins good question good question um

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well I first learned about puffins in second grade when a girl in my class

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stood up and read a poem about them I think I must have been seven years old about this lonely little Puffin stranded

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on an island with no friends and somehow he ends up eating pancakes that fish

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cooked for him I was enchanted and ever since then I've held

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puffins deep in my heart these black and white seabirds with rainbow colored

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little beaks who can swim and fly and carry like 20 fish and their beak at

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once they're amazing see and I always thought about puffins from then on and then somewhere along the line I heard

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about this far away Island where something unbeliev able

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happens at the end of every summer every year in the middle of the night baby

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puffins start falling out of the sky and I just couldn't believe that that was

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real they crash onto doorsteps on top of people's cars into storefronts parking

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lots everywhere it sounds almost biblical but it's just part of how

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puffins grow up in this part of the world I'm in Iceland yeah you're

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in a baby Puffin is called and get ready because this is very adorable a puffling

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puffling or in Icelandic lunia

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lunaa I got to write it down the Luna spends all summer deep in a burrow this

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muddy hole that's been tunneled into the cliffs and puff and parents only have one egg at a time so

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it's down there all by itself it sits there and it waits for its parents to

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bring big glistening beak fulls of silver Floppy Fish and when the baby

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Puffin is theoretically big enough to survive on its own the parents just

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leave they ditch it and the Little Baby Luna is abandoned in its

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hole until one night all alone very hungry the puffling

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climbs up to the opening of its burrow and it looks out at the ocean where all

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the food is and It prepares to jump off the cliff and glide down to the freedom

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of the Open Sea they float for a while eat sleep on the ocean where it will spend the next several years never

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touching land swimming around learning how to be a grown-up Puffin diving for fish

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finding a mate and eventually returning to the same Cliffs to start the cycle

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again to have its own puffling but every year some Pufflings

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get confused they don't see the ocean they think they're headed toward the beautiful moonlight reflected on the

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water but instead they end up drifting down toward a well-lit gas station or

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someone's porch light because they're not able to fly as Puff Wings they only

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know how to Glide and when they land they are stuck their little wings are really only

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good for gliding so they can't take off again they're landlocked and

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stunned and if a puffling is just left there in the street all kinds of Terrible Things Can

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Happen long story short it will not be growing up and having babies of its own

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which just means a world with fewer puffins which is not a world you or I want to

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live in so for Generations during puffling

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season the families of VES minire have been staying up all night to rescue

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these baby birds and release them back to the Sea

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oh yeah she was telling me there is there is one place on the island where

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people could go on their balcony and Hunt puffins from their house there's only one place in the in the world

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hunting puffins is also a family tradition here this part of Iceland is

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home to the biggest Puffin Colony on Earth there are way more puffins than there are people living there and never

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eating a puffin would be like living in the middle of the greatest Vineyard on Earth and never trying a grape but

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you've never hunted puffins no that's not in our family we are not the

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killer we just eat it yeah we just buy after it's been

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killed it is very very nice

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food I like I love it we smoke it and have new potatoes and

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butter m but I'm not here to eat puffins I've come here to save them are they

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hard to catch are they quick or what what is it like try to they can be very

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hard to catch some are just very calm and since Tristy has been doing this

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since he was Tiny he's offered to be our Luna guide what kind of mood is it in

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confused and Mad puffling Season only comes once a year and it only lasts for

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a few weeks so we had to come to vestman Aire at this exact moment even though

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for me personally the timing is awkward because my daughter Greta my own

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little precious fuzzy puffling is getting ready to go off to college

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little and if you're wondering how this is going to go for me the other day at the grocery store I started crying when

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I saw her favorite brand of applesauce like to come Wild still bright and I

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could maybe try to show you some puffins but these birds don't care about me and

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my stupid human timeline they will jump when they jump which I'm hoping is soon

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so that I can hurry up and rescue them and still get home in time to send Greta

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off here you sit in the front seat and it'll be yeah

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okay do you want to hear what uh my mom says it's unhealthy for my soul yeah

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yeah yeah but it's called to the Hellfire so as we head down toward the harbor Tristy

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cranks up the music this is the ultimate puff ins surching song this will get

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them to come to [Music]

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us K do you want the music maybe just is just a touchdown um because I just want

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to ask about like what what the strategy here it is just patience and looking out

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for the tiniest little dots that might resemble a puffin okay what does a

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puffin look like what are we looking for a little black uh ball of

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feathers let's go up here you know those very dark British crime dramas where

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every day there's a grizzly murder down at the Docks yeah you just got to search every nook and cranny this looks

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like that and then if you see something scream out like torn chain link fences

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huge buoys industrial spools of rope ah no I don't think it is I think it's just

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a shadow yeah it's just a shadow we're staring so hard our eyes

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are popping out of our heads we're just looking for the tin EST hint of motion where are you little guys where are you

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when we don't see anything down at the harbor we check out the rest of this tiny Island we drive past the school do

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you see anything past the golf course no past this giant sculpture of a soccer

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ball on the side of a hill I don't see any out there again and again sometimes

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I think a lava rock is a puffin sometimes I think a little clump of grass is a puffin yeah everything is a

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puffin when you're searching for them it's the middle of the night and there are no

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[Music]

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puffins I feel like this is like when my grandpa used to take us out to see Santa Claus on Christmas Eve night we'd look

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up at the sky and everyone would be searching around and and at some point

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he would act like he saw Santa Claus and we would all sort of pretend like we saw little lights in the sky

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and we have 13 Santa Claus is in

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Iceland what yeah so the Santa Claus is in

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Icelandic culture they are like pranksters and kind of just just

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[ \_\_ ] they all break into your house it's not like they sneak in through the chimney it's and we just keep looping

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around past the school past the golf course he steals your candles pass the

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soccer ball cute Coker he steals from your meat patry pass the school pot leer

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pass the golf pass that soccer ball laal which means uh like an patch looser past

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the docks past the school Golf Course their mom eats naughty children past the

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piece of lava that looks like a puffing but is not driving now through the golf course past the schools the golf course

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feel like we're never going pass the soccer ball the golf course soccer ball soccer ball so many times School Golf

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Course soccer ball soccer

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ball should we get out and walk around we can do that it is now 10 million o00

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in the

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morning this is all about patience it's just being patient then enjoying the

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walk enjoying the smell or trying to enjoy it at least and

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then out of nowhere we see

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it puffling it tries to run but it has nowhere to go it's hemmed in by concrete

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walls and so we all go sprinting toward this teeny panicking

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blob of feathers and Tristy lunges at it and just catches it with his bare

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hands hi and here it is a real live puffling

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nice job down here in the loading dock Sleek with a black face and a bright

17:05

white body it has this long sharp pointy

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beak got one you got one my go it's very

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tiny you're being rescued really flapping the puffling has some fuzzy

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gray down on the back of its head which is a sign that it might still be a little on the young side and maybe

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wasn't quite ready to leave its burrow oh wow he very tiny but it did leave

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burrow it climbed right out to the edge of that hole and it made this Brave leap

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of faith toward its new life and it totally failed everything went wrong it

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smashed into pavement a and now here it is clamped in a pair of human hands it

18:03

must feel like it's being abducted by aliens well got bite

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you the biting doesn't hurt at all it's the most adorable anger

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possible and we all just stand around beaming at this little guy Overjoyed we

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can't believe our luck all the little Shadow and I was like ah no that's just a pipe and then it twisted

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Pipe Stone twist like that this has to be by far the worst night of this baby

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animals life but it's one of the best nights of my life I'm finally standing face to

18:44

face beak to nose with a living breathing squealing

18:52

baby Puffin thank you so much this puff have fun sleeping tonight so we pack up

18:58

our little bird into a cardboard box where she will spend a long sleepless

19:03

night scratching and squeaking in making terrible smells I don't recommend

19:08

cuddling with it right at the foot of my bed you will wake up covered in poop and he will have to search for it while I am

19:14

also not sleeping but it'll all be worth it because tomorrow we'll be sending her

19:21

back out to sea good night good night thank you

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there he is oh yeah hello hi our friend Tristy had to

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go to rikic on band business so he called in some backup to help us okay

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so tour guide mode activated uh his friend arar my name is arar

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arar yeah it's probably a little hard to roll the AR right I think I'm just gonna say arar I'm sorry to him Tristy and me

20:08

we are best friends arar and Tristy are in a band together do you sing too or

20:14

you oh yeah uh we me and try we do joint guitar and vocals okay and I always say

20:20

vocals cuz it's not really singing is it it's can you do the uh

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[Applause] you know that's like the gremlin sound you

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know and then you can just do like more General stuff yeah I guess what I'm asking is for you

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to improvise a song about rescuing Pufflings in your heavy metal

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voice you totally don't have to do this but oh no I am so going to do

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this searching down in the darkness below for the puff fit off my

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[Music] show right something like

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that arnar is a couple years older than Tristy they met in a karate class and

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like many Islanders he's been rescuing Pufflings for as long as he can remember there's one memory that kind of sticks

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out so I must have been around 8 years old and we found a puffling that was

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like way too small so that means that you have to take care of it for like a

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couple weeks to let it grow bigger so we did that uh we had him for 3 weeks if I

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remember correctly and I gave him a name I named him Ki and he like he became my best friend he ate like cat food chicken

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and like a bunch of different stuff that we gave him and he was super funny as well and then you know the day came that

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he became big enough to release so we brought him out to the cliff and you know I throw him up and he looks kind of

22:04

shaky at first but he eventually kind of regains stability in flight and I'm like

22:10

yes okay finally he's safe see you in a couple years but then he just starts taking a nose dive down and I'm like

22:18

okay it's fine he just wants to be closer to the ocean uh he

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eventually basically gets turned around and flies directly into the cliff and just explodes basically oh and you know

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I was like no K and then I started crying it was a it was a harsh lesson in

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how brutal nature can be and it's just

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like what are you going to do

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[Music]

23:02

so here we are at hammer or the cliff this is the most common spot where

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people take them hey little buddy we're going to get you out to the ocean

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okay okay he doesn't like my soothing

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words I have to say it feels weird to be rescuing a baby animal by throwing it

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off a cliff this is an exciting time this is your first time releasing a puffling yeah I know but that's what

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Pufflings like and so that is what we're doing I am afraid something's going to go wrong and he's going to blow back

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into the cliff and die well I believe in you okay I mean the wind is blowing very

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hard at the cliff very very

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hard it is really windy out

24:01

here okay so you can just put the box down here and pick them up so you want to basically cradle him

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with both of your hands you want to keep the wings in the technique is basically the same as swinging a kettle bell at

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the gym yeah i' do the kettle bell it's the easiest you got to spread your legs really wide and hunch down and your arms

24:24

just hang straight between your legs so if I throw him isn't he just going to fly back under the land no cuzz they

24:30

like to fly Against the Wind so I grip the bird okay he's struggling it's surprisingly light in my hands fall off

24:37

the cliff it almost feels like nothing it feels like I'm about to throw a Kleenex off this Cliff also do we need

24:42

to worry about these seagulls like eating him no no they they don't go for the puffins and I get in position okay

24:49

should I do it okay yeah I think just give it the old College try and let's see what happens okay one two

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[Music] and the bird sails out beyond the

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Cliff's Edge it's flapping like a maniac flapping its absolute brains out it

25:14

looks like a hummingbird for a long terrible moment

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we watch our bird drifting backwards struggling and losing

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altitude until miraculously the puffling Taps into some

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deep root of strength it somehow manages to gain one molecule of an advantage

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over the wind and it goes zipping just slightly forward just barely missing the

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Rock and starts half flying half falling down the cliff face then suddenly bursts

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out over the ocean that's it into the clear

25:56

y wo look at him this thing I just had in my

26:04

hands now we see it as this tiny dot heading toward the Horizon

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silhouetted against one of these distant Islands still going and when we finally

26:16

lose sight of it our bird is very very very far out to

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[Music] seea as we drive back down from The

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Cliff I'm so happy I just can't stop thinking about how that little

26:35

struggling creature we saved is now sailing out across the freezing water

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into this whole new life a life we can't even imagine and we did that we fixed

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that mistake we literally saved its life I'm not sure I've saved anything's

26:54

life before I don't think I've been particularly helpful to anything before and now I'm like a superhero good job

27:01

this is all I want to do that it yeah got it fortunately holy crap I

27:09

did it over the next couple of days puffling season finally starts to pick

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up you're a handsome fella the babies are late oh hello SM but they are here

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we have pu yes and we are catching one after another you're good at catching Pufflings oh thanks I make sure to give

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every puffling a name puffer Nutter puffing stuff Puff the Magic Dragon puffle puff just want to make sure

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you're okay in there okay ready and then one by one one

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two three release them back to the Sea yeah did

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it before long I have fallen completely in love with this island and its birds

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and everything else about it one evening I see the most spectacular Sunset of my

28:00

life and then I turn around and behind me at the same time there is a full rainbow arcing across the sky ending in

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a volcano and then that same night while we're out catching birds wa we see the

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Northern Lights it's extremely green yeah and you can see the little red and

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purple the sky is overflowing with stars very green very bright that is very

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green everyone back home hates me I text a bunch of breathtaking photos

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and my wife writes back good for you and then she sends me a photo of the giant

28:39

pile of boxes she's packed up to ship to our daughter's dorm room which totally

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fair but you know what I'm also very busy I have my own box to worry

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about and inside it I'm coming down a little birdie who happens to have an

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appointment with one of the world's greatest authorities on

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puffins we'll meet him in just a minute after the break well I think we're here

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I feel like he is up here [Music]

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I feel like he is up here really yeah I don't know oh wait here he is here he is

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he is let come over to the Dr Airpor snar

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Hansen has been tracking the Puffin population in vestment air for over a decade we meet him at a place downtown

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called the Puffin Rescue Center where every puffling season scientists weigh

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measure and tag the baby birds and we hand him our perfect little

30:06

puffling have a look at your guy weit it right out of the gate whoa he's a bit of

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a downer does he look smaller to yeah when you grap on him you feel like his muscles are slim Dr Hanson tells us that

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this year's Pufflings were late which was why it was so hard to find them at first and they're also dangerously small

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iMed when you do the and even though our little bird is a little underweight so

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um we can go and release your friend or you can he offers to help us release It

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Up near some Cliffs where he's been conducting puffing research dominant Direction

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here there's one oh these Cliffs are really steep Dr

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Hanson takes us up a terrifyingly narrow little sheep Trail

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first imagine that the first puffing Hunter he fell to his death on that

31:03

slope there down on the edge really yeah but he doesn't seem worried at all about

31:08

falling yeah have you ever fallen down uh no I'm still alive it's good I

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brought along a six-pack of beer because it had puffins on the label I must eat nothing like a beer in a

31:22

fuel okay way they're flying really close huh so

31:28

close you think I love it all around us there are adult puffins popping in and

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out of their Burrows hopping around in the grass flying in and out of the water swooping right over us with beaks full

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of tiny fish is's one yeah just popped out God they're so

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funny they work so hard to fly yeah they beat their wings by 10 htz

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I think and that's why their energy demands are so high it's so costly to

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fly they fly like 70 80 km per hour at full speed see they're bringing in food like

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crazy yeah wow given the

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circumstances the circumstances he tells us are

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terrible he scribbles us this ridiculously complicated map with graphs all over it showing as far as I can

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understand it that basically climate change is changing sea temperatures and

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Shifting the ocean currents and so there are fewer fish around for puffins to eat this means that Puffin parents have

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to work much harder to feed their babies and sometimes they can't feed them at all this year's Pufflings are late most

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likely because they're undernourished they're not ready to fly yet so what what would happen to let's say this

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puffling most likely is not going to make it why not it just so way below the

33:01

weight and we know the weight is highly linearly correlated with survival and

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it's most likely related to they don't have enough power to deal with bad weathers then they starve and then they

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die something that that kind of sort stuff seems like a bad time to be a

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puffin think no it's hard times yeah yeah so this is not a lot

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normally oh no this is is kind of sad actually

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but you're ruining my magical moment I know but uh they're

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[Music]

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here my ass is hurting Dr Hanson's ass is hurting so we head

34:01

down to the beach to release our bird you want to do

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it why not he doesn't want to throw this puffling and I'm guessing he wouldn't name it either we named her Greta after

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my daughter probably a man it's probably a man did you no I'm

34:24

do all right little girl all right little Greta bird

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ready two

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three Greta the puffling flaps hard and she Glides out past the breakers into

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calmer Waters where we see her land and float and start to swim away she did

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it so you think she'll survive yeah well she has a chance I mean she's

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what 260 255 right yeah it's at the lower end so is is more likely to perish

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than survive if I have to make a nasty

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guess but you never know but you never

35:22

know and that is the maddening thing about letting go you just have to stand there and

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watch your precious thing disappear into a future over which you

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have no control and you're left holding nothing but the terrifying lightness of your

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suddenly empty

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hands what a nice day hi hello hello hi again saava of

35:56

stock it's last day on the island and we stopped by trist's house to say goodbye

36:02

to our Island family hell yeah uh I brought two puffing beers yes

36:10

saava and Siggy have just gotten off work and are relaxing in the Gard I don't drink Puffs you don't drink

36:16

puffins I don't drink I eat puffins don't don't drink the weather is perfect feels more like California than Iceland

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okay and we sit here enjoying the sunshine watching the sun slide down the

36:29

sky until it touches the volcano cheers to the Puffin over drinks and snacks we

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reminisce about our week about how I've started to think constantly about my own

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daughter leaving home what it means to be a parent and how hard it is to let

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go saava has five kids and all of them except for Tristy have already left home

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what what has it been like for you and do you have any advice for me because I have many feelings about

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it when K get out oldest boy moved to reic 17 years old I was

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very very depressed my my heart was broken for two

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weeks and then I have to start he is getting older he have to go to get out

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to the life just like we so you just have to feel the Heartbreak

37:32

yes for two weeks you you live you live okay you know when you have a your child

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when you have your child the first time you know right away you don't own it you

37:45

just have to take care of it and help them don't you have one kid no I have a

37:53

she's our first so we have a son who will be there for another few years yes

37:59

little Pufflings little yes yes

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but we are always mom and dad for the 42 years old boy yeah I sometimes take

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[Laughter] him I always said you can change your

38:20

mother if you don't like me okay would you like to have

38:28

pancakes uh um do you have Pancakes yes he want to make pancakes yeah I would

38:34

love to have pancakes if you don't mind yes thank you a coffee or Siggy sets the

38:40

table with jams and syrups we have coffee and we eat way too many

38:46

pancakes and then we say goodbye maybe we will see each other

38:52

again yeah we will see each other again very nice to meet you very nice to have you very nice to meet you thank you so

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[Music]

39:07

much morning morning and the next morning with my bags packed I board the

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ferry to leave this magical Island and go back to my family in New

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York I sit up top on the deck because I've brought something from the island

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with me you have in the Box oh a puffling oh sweet oh my goodness yeah we

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found him last night you've rescued him yeah we're going to let it go once we get out to the ocean Tristy told me that

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releasing a puffling at Sea was one of the best ways to send a baby bird out

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into its new life there's no Cliffs no cats great chance of survival this is a

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good spot yeah as we watch the island shrinking

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into the distance behind us I take my last puffling out of its box

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Budd I raise the bird in my hand I count to three and one last

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time I Let Go

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[Music]

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Powell and Pat mccusker factchecking by Naomi sharp the poem there once was a puffin

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is by Florence Paige jqu thank you to Gail from Nebraska who

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read it when I was in second grade special thanks to Jake Silverstein and

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Sasha Weiss and also to Lyn Levy Lisa Tobin Austin Mitchell an bajo and Sam

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doick and to all of our friends on vest minire for spending so much time with us

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especially the Pufflings I hope you're all out there swimming around in the

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deep sea right now and that I will see you again someday back on the cliffs

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extra special thanks to my wife Sarah uzel for packing and shipping all of our daughters belongings to college while I

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was busy on my dream trip you can listen to all of our episodes episodes wherever you get

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podcasts or visit our website at NY times.com animal and special thanks to

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the band mercur Tristy Mar Sigerson Mikel Magnuson and arnar Julius who

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wrote us a worldwide musical exclusive death metal song about catching puffins

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it's called puffling please enjoy you might want to turn the volume

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down in your headphones right about now [Music]

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[Music]

43:02

Lo in the stret find their way out they're all alone shelter The Shake

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in the dark in the corners go

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[Music]

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found look I found the puffing [Music]

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