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Bigfoot? Yeti? The Loch Ness Monster? Cryptozoologist Tells All In Daily News Exclusive

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Ever since the famous Patterson-Gimlin film of 1967 gained national recognition, cryptids have been the source of global intrigue. Mysterious creatures, hidden throughout the world; are they real, or are they simply fiction? Though innumerable reported sightings through the years have been written off as mistakes or hoaxes, and advancements in the field of biology have led to prominent scientists writing off the existence of these creatures as improbable as best, the recent and sudden emergence of magic into our world has brought



everything we know into question. Suddenly, the improbable isn't so unlikely anymore.

I had the chance to sit down with one of the world's foremost experts in cryptozoology, the study of these creatures that may exist somewhere in the wild. Doctor Alistare Smythe has become world-renowned for sifting through thousands of false reports and investigating those that have any merit. Now, he gives me the inside scoop on his findings.

Doctor, where did your fascination with these creatures begin?

If you would believe it, the state of New Jersey. Growing up adjacent to the Pine Barrens, everywhere I looked growing up was talking about the Jersey Devil. When I was a kid, it would show up in my math problems. As an adult, I found that every bar in the state had a drink named after the creature. Hell, we have a whole hockey team named after the beast. It was widely accepted there to be an urban legend, of course, but something kept nagging at me. I just couldn't accept that it was all fake.

What was it like studying biology at Stanford?

Not all glitz and glamor, I can tell you that much. By the end of my time there, most of my professors and peers knew of my intention to dive into the world of cryptozoology. I was

shunned from a lot of institutions because of it. But I knew that, if I kept following my passion, I would be the one laughing at the end. Now, here I am.

Well, Doctor, I suppose we should give our readers what they came for. Can you answer for us, in no uncertain terms: are these creatures real?

Yes. Cryptids are absolutely real.

Not only do you claim they're real, but you say that you have proof?

I do. I've had the fortune to see multiple cryptids with my own eyes, and have photographic evidence of their existence that I am preparing to publish.

For decades, cryptids have eluded cryptozoologists such as yourself. How were you able to track them down?

The answer is quite simple, Tom. You've seen what's happening around the globe. Magic has begun to pervade every aspect of our world. When I first heard about it, I knew that it could be the missing key to everything I've been searching for. So I began to study the phenomenon in great detail. May I go on a bit of a tangent?

Please do!

Well, as it turns out, Tom, there are dimensions, whole worlds, running parallel to our own. But they are incredibly different from the world we know. In certain instances, or under certain circumstances, worlds can overlap, and creatures from other planes can cross over into ours.

You're saying... Cryptids are creatures from another world?

Precisely! Take the Jersey Devil, for example. I set up several lookout posts in the depths of the Pine Barrens, trying to figure out where the fabric between worlds would be the thinnest. After a month of monitoring, I nearly gave up, until finally, I saw the creature stepping out of thin air from a circle of mushrooms. My lookout posts tracked it as it hunted the wildlife, then returned to the circle and disappeared. I hypothesize that their diet cannot be properly satiated in whatever world it's from, so it's adapted by occasionally crossing over into our world to feed on our livestock.

That is truly a remarkable find!

More than remarkable - it changes everything about the realm of science we know! As soon as I publish my findings on this study of cryptids, I intend to dedicate my time to figuring out how to cross over into their world. Think of the discoveries that could be made, the wonders that await on the other side, the magnificent creatures we would be able to study!

Do you think your research will be impacted by your imminent renown?

I don't anticipate fame impacting me. Undoubtedly, the research labs that have turned me down in the past will be scrambling for me to sign my name on a piece of paper now, eager to take credit for my work. But I've learned that I don't need them. I have been far more than capable of conducting my research on my own, and I have no intention of changing that up now.

There you have it. Doctor Alistare Smythe, cryptozoologist, has confirmed the existence of these legendary creatures, forever changing the field of biology and making a discovery that could very well tear our understanding of science to shreds. His research journal, *Creatures of Great Renown*, is set to hit shelves this fall wherever books are sold. And if you're asking for this one reporter's opinion, it's a read that will be well worth your time.