

**Not From Here**

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A SMALL RADIO OUTPOST IN WICHITA, KANSAS.

Dave, a man in his mid 50's is taking calls on his weekly radio program called "Not From Here." He is nursing a scotch on the rocks.

DAVE

..and we are back. Is it me or does it seem that the government is constantly changing its story when it comes to the Roswell incident? Every time new information is discovered about the case officials suddenly begin to alter their original statements. It's ludicrous.

If you're just tuning in it's 9:36pm on this Sunday, September 16th and you are listening to "Not From Here" your weekly call-in radio show dealing with UFO sightings and other unexplained phenomena. I'm your host, Dave Patterson.

We are now going to open the lines up and take a few calls to find out what's going on in the skies in your area. So if you have any sightings to report or have any comments or questions about sightings you may have heard of, give us a call at: 1-800-555-8367. That's 1-800-555-UFOS.

Dave pushes a button on his panel.

DAVE

Hello caller, you're on the air. Please state your name and tell our listeners where you're calling from.

TINA, an odd woman in her 30's, appears stage right on the phone. She is painting at an easel.

TINA

Hey Dave! It's Tina Myers calling from Elko, Nevada.

DAVE

Tina, great to hear your voice. It's been a while since we've heard from you. How have you been?

TINA

I'm just great Dave. Thanks for asking.

DAVE

Do me a favor Tina and turn your radio down.  
We seem to be getting some feedback.

TINA

Oh, sure hold on...

Tina adjusts her radio.

TINA

Is that better?

DAVE

Much better, thanks. I'm sorry Tina, where did  
you say you were calling from?

TINA

Nevada.

DAVE

That's what I thought you said. Weren't you  
in the Salt Lake area for a while?

TINA

That's right Dave, but I moved in August.  
I ran into some trouble at a local Home Depot.  
Those Mormons can be really sensitive.

DAVE

How are the skies tonight in Elko?

TINA

Clear as a bell Dave. Plenty of stars too.  
A great night for a sighting. Say, have you been  
following the recent happenings in Mexico?

DAVE

I have.

TINA

They're very consistent with the ones in New  
Zealand last year, wouldn't you say? I definitely  
have been noticing a pattern lately.

DAVE

What kind of pattern Tina?

TINA

It's just seems that Mexico always seems to have  
a government plane in the *exact* region where all  
the major sightings are occurring.

DAVE

I would have to agree with you there Tina.

TINA

They claim they're in the area doing drug trafficking but I don't buy it.

DAVE

Oh?

TINA

I just find it interesting that the testimony of ufo sightings from the pilots of government planes are always *contradictory* of those of us mere "civilians" here down on the ground.

DAVE

Continue.

TINA

I mean the government will do anything to cover up these sightings. ANYTHING! The bastards. So irritating.

DAVE

I agree.

TINA

If you ask me the pilots are made to lie. It's the only explanation. But let me tell you something Dave they're not fooling me. Not one bit.

DAVE

Me either. But how do you tie in the Mexico sightings with the ones in New Zealand?

TINA

The connection Dave is that the objects in *both* cases looked exactly the same. And in both cases there "happened" to be a United States government plane in the area. Coincidence? I don't think so Dave.

DAVE

You're losing me Tina.

TINA

My point is Dave, why are there US planes surveying areas around *New Zealand* in the first place? Why are they in the area? Trust me if there were drugs coming in and out of New Zealand, I'd know about it.

Tina lights up a joint.

DAVE

Interesting view point Tina. Are you sure that they're US planes?

TINA

Positive. I have a sixth sense when it comes to these things.

(inhaling on her joint)

I mean what do they know? What aren't they telling us? I want answers! Oops, hold on a sec, will ya Dave? I gotta take this call.

Tina switches over to the other line on her phone.

TINA

Yes? Yes, hold on I'll be right back.

(returning to Dave)

Dave, listen I have to take this. It's the cable company and if I don't set this up with them now, I'll miss the season premiere of *In Treatment*. It starts at 10. I'll call you right back. Bye.

DAVE

Okay, while Tina is handling all that why don't we take another call?

(pushes a button on his panel)

Caller, you're on the air. Please state your name and where you're calling from.

Eddie, a man in his early 30's appears stage left. He is wearing a t-shirt with the sentence "the truth is out there" printed on it.

EDDIE

(whispering)

Dave? This is Eddie calling from Carlin, Nevada.

DAVE

Ah, another caller from the "Silver State." Hello Eddie and welcome to "Not From Here."

EDDIE  
(still whispering)  
Pleasure to be here Dave. Pleasure to be here.

DAVE  
Can I ask you to speak up a bit? We're having a little trouble hearing you.

EDDIE  
I can't. I don't want the others to know that I'm on the phone. You know, the *non* believers?

DAVE  
I see, so you're not alone?

EDDIE  
None of us are "alone" Dave. You of all people should know that by now.

EDDIE  
Uh, right. What prompts your call to tonight's program Eddie?

EDDIE  
I have new information about the Gloucester sightings back in August, 96.

DAVE  
Ah, you mean the infamous "floating spheres?"

EDDIE  
Yes.

DAVE  
For those who may not know Gloucester is, and always has been, a hot bed for UFO sightings where reports of sightings of unusual aerial activity are very common. What's this new information you've come across Eddie?

EDDIE  
I've discovered something so significant, so mind blowing, so outrageous, that it's going to rock the foundation of our entire scientific community!

DAVE  
Just what is it that you're saying Eddie?

EDDIE

Well, recently I was able to attain a copy of the sighting on video.

DAVE

How did you do that?

EDDIE

It wasn't easy, but I've got my sources.

DAVE

Go on...

EDDIE

Anyway, the footage is awesome! And after hours and hours of intense scrutiny I discovered that...

VELMA

(Off-stage)

EDDIE! Are you on that phone again? What have I told you about making long distance calls to that harebrained radio station?

EDDIE

Shit.

Eddie's mother, VELMA, enters.

VELMA

Now, give that to me!

EDDIE

But Ma!

VELMA

GIVE IT!

(Velma takes the phone from Eddie)  
Now go to your room!

EDDIE

Ah, come on!

VELMA

Don't make me wake your Daddy, now scoot!

EDDIE

Ah, man...

VELMA

Go on, and if you make one more noise young man there will be no "X Box" for you tonight. Do you understand me?

EDDIE

Yes M'am.

VELMA

And don't slouch!

Eddie exits.

VELMA

(on phone)

Hello? Who am I speaking to?

DAVE

Uh, my name is Dave.

VELMA

Dave this is Velma. Eddie's mother. And if in the future my numbskull son ever decides to make a call to your show I'd appreciate if you'd just promptly hang up.

DAVE

Well, I...

VELMA

We're on a fixed income here and we certainly cannot afford to be spending our hard earned money on this sort of nonsense.

DAVE

Actually Velma this is a toll free number so...

VELMA

Do you realize that Eddie's Daddy has been out of work for over 3 months now since the factory closed down?

DAVE

I'm sorry to hear that...

VELMA

Good. I'm going to hang up now and see if I can get the operator to take these charges off my bill.

DAVE

Well, again the call is free...

VELMA

For goodness sake there's a mosquito in this room! Eddie! Did you leave the door open to the porch again? Eddie!

Velma hangs up and exits.

DAVE

Hello? Looks like we're going to have to wait for that report about the Gloucester sightings. Let's take another call.

Dave presses a button on his panel. Suddenly Ann, a woman in her late 40's, appears upstage holding a glass of wine.

DAVE

Caller, please state your name and tell us where you're calling from.

Silence.

DAVE

Caller?

ANN

Hello Dave. This is Ann. Ann from Wichita.

DAVE

Welcome to the show Ann. Beautiful night we're having here in Wichita, wouldn't you say?

Silence.

DAVE

Ann? Are you still with us?

ANN

I've missed you Dave.

DAVE

Excuse me?

ANN

I've missed you.

DAVE

Who is this?

ANN

Someone who still cares about you.

DAVE  
Is this some sort of joke?

ANN  
No Dave it isn't.

DAVE  
Okay, we're going to move on to the next caller...

ANN  
Kansas City, 1979. I was engaged to be married then. Do you remember Dave?

DAVE  
(cautious)  
Ann? Is that really you?

ANN  
Yes Dave. It is.

DAVE  
(scattered)  
Caller I'm going to ask you to hold the line while I play the rest of that Roswell interview for our listeners. Don't go away.

Dave presses some buttons, inserts a tape and gets up from the table. He takes in a deep breath and returns to the call.

DAVE  
Ann?

ANN  
It's good to hear your voice Dave. It's good to hear you say my name. How have you been?

DAVE  
You mean since 1979?

ANN  
You know what I mean.

DAVE  
I don't know. That's a pretty loaded question. But if pressed for an answer, I guess you could say that I'm still standing. You broke my heart Ann.

ANN  
I know.

DAVE  
(skeptical)  
What can I do for you Ann?

ANN  
Aren't the stars just brilliant in Wichita  
tonight? I've never seen them shine brighter.  
They're so bright that you could shut your eyes  
and probably still see them.

She shuts her eyes.

ANN  
It's true. I can still see them...