

UPDATE TONIGHT

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INT. NEWSROOM - DAY

NEWS ANCHOR, MARIA (30s), stands and introduces the nightly segment as the camera slowly pushes forward.

MARIA

It's been called the "new normal."
We begin tonight by looking at how residents are handling the return of our prehistoric past. Our very own Bob Morris is on the ground with the latest. Bob?

EXT. FARMHOUSE - DAY

Outside a HUMBLE FARMHOUSE, BOB MORRIS (40s), reports.

MORRIS

Yeah, Maria, you know, we ourselves had a close encounter during our commute. Take a look...

TRANSITION TO:

EXT. HIGHWAY (DASH CAM) - DAY

Video plays of a CAR'S DASH CAMERA stuck in the middle of bumper-to-bumper traffic caused by TWO BELLOWING APATOSAURS, 25 FEET TALL and SIXTY FEET LONG, leisurely crossing the highway in front of a SATURATED SUNRISE.

MORRIS (V.O.) (CONT'D)

... at this pair of Apatosaurs that delayed us a bit.

The immense scale, from the cars to the creatures, is awe-inspiring.

EXT. HIGHWAY - DAY

We return to the traffic jam, where JAMES PIPER (30s) utters into the microphone before his audio kicks in.

MORRIS (V.O.) (CONT'D)

We spoke to James Piper, a nurse at Holy Cross, who was heading to his shift.

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PIPER

Exactly, try explaining to your boss that you're an hour late because of a dinosaur. Interesting conversation.

MORRIS (V.O.)

Eventually, we made it to the residence of the Woods Family,...

TRANSITION TO:

EXT. PORCH (DOORBELL CAM) - DAY

Video plays of a residential doorstep... nothing of note until...

POP!

A STYGIMOLOCH (dome-headed herbivore) cartoonishly appears in frame from the lower right corner, inquisitively chirping and sniffing the camera.

MORRIS (V.O.) (CONT'D)

... who had quite the Ding Dong Ditcher. According to paleo-veterinarians, this little guy is a Stygimoloch.

RING!

It triggers the bell, and it comically SQUEAKS! The startled creature runs off-screen.

EXT. PORCH - DAY

A microphone is held in front of JANET WOODS (40s) outside her doorstep next to her SON and DAUGHTER (9).

WOODS

(chuckles)

First, they wanted a dog, and now they want that thing. Can't win!

MORRIS (V.O.)

Not everyone has adapted to this seamlessly.

EXT. FARMHOUSE - DAY

Back outside the homestead, an elderly son of the soil, MARTIN GUTIERREZ, guides us around his land.

MORRIS (V.O.) (CONT'D)

Take farmer Martin Gutierrez, whose property has been in his family for over 100 years in El Dorado County, now forced to foreclose after numerous dinosaur attacks wiped out his cattle.

EXT. FARMHOUSE FENCE - DAY

The microphone is now pointed at Gutierrez.

GUTIERREZ

It's heartbreaking. They just didn't stop... no matter what we tried.

TRANSITION TO:

EXT. FARMHOUSE (CAMERA) - NIGHT

Morris' voiceover plays over GRAINY, BLACK-AND-WHITE SECURITY FOOTAGE of the FARMHOUSE FIELD with SEVERAL CATTLE lightly grazing near a tree line.

A pair of GLOWING EYES emerge from the trees, slowly stalking.

MORRIS (V.O.)

Gutierrez caught one of the attacks on camera that occurred even after spending thousands on security upgrades.

Lightly obscured by the camera grain, a CARNOTAURUS, 12 FEET TALL, and 25 FEET LONG, charges and tackles ONE COW and shakes it like a rag doll before dragging the now-dead animal back into the forest.

EXT. FARMHOUSE FENCE - DAY

We return to the defeated rancher.

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GUTIERREZ
I know He has a plan for me.

TRANSITION TO:

EXT. FARMHOUSE B-ROLL - DAY

His desperate prayer plays over footage of his property damage.

GUTIERREZ (V.O.)
I know the Good Lord will guide me
down the right path.

EXT. FARMHOUSE - DAY

Back on Morris.

MORRIS
And Maria, what's most apparent is
we must find a way to adapt. For
the Channel 3 News team, I'm Bob
Morr-

He's startled by the sound of FALLING TREES and SCATTERING
BIRDS.

A beat as he considers. Then... a familiar roar echoes...
TYRANNOSAURUS.

END TRANSMISSION.