

Mothman
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One cold brisk night in a small town known as Point Pleasant, West Virginia two friends were driving home after their softball game at 9:30 at night. The main highway was rather busy so the two girls decided to take an alternate route which ran through a forest. This forest had been home to a nuclear power plant that had been abandoned years prior due to a major accident.

"Lucy, this is really creepy" One of the girls blurted out, there was a worrisome expression plastered on her face. The girl couldn't shake the feeling that something was going to happen.

"Oh come on! Don't be a baby Evelyn!" Lucy exclaimed to her friend in the passenger seat. Of the two girls Evelyn had always been the more anxious of the two; Lucy was far more logical. As the girls drove along the rough dirt road, Evelyn's anxiety began to subside. Lucy took a deep breath and turned a corner and just then an ear piercing shriek rang through the night sky. However, this shriek didn't seem natural. It was far too high pitched to be a person, or even an animal.

"AH-WHAT THE HECK WAS THAT!?" Evelyn screeched her head buried in her hands as she shook in fear.

"I DON'T KNOW!" Lucy replied. At this point Lucy was panicking. She felt her face grow warm, and she began to sweat. Perhaps Evelyn was right? What if something was going to happen? Lucy decided to check it out, stopping the car, she slid out of the front seat onto the dirt road.

"W-w-what are you doing?" Evelyn questioned, her voice trembling in fear.

"I'm checking it out! Once I make sure everything's okay we can go home!" Lucy insisted while turning on the flashlight on her phone. As soon as Lucy began to wave the flashlight around to see if she could find anything another screech echoed from the other end of the darkened road. Lucy spun around, about 15 feet from her stood a tall dark figure with blazing red eyes. This figure had large wings sprouting from its back. Dumbfounded, Lucy stood in the middle of the road frozen in fear. Was this real? It couldn't be! But here she was, standing in the middle of a dirt backroad face to face with the infamous cryptid creature known as "*Mothman*". The tall dark entity hobbled toward Lucy, by the second it got closer and closer. Lucy could hear her friend Evelyn screaming for her to get back into the car but she was frozen in fear, Lucy was terrified. Suddenly, Lucy felt a tug on her arm and she was yanked back into reality. Without thinking Lucy dove into the front seat and slammed the car door behind her.

"WHAT ARE YOU DOING? DRIVE!" Evelyn snapped then Lucy's foot slammed against the gas pedal and they sped off. The two girls glanced out of the rearview mirror and watched the figure fade into the distance. Neither of them wanted to talk about their paranormal experience for the whole drive home. When they reached Lucy's house they unlocked the door and made their way to the living room.

"How was the game girls?" Lucy's mom asked with a sweet smile on her face.

"You wouldn't believe what happened!" Lucy sighed as she plopped down on the couch. Then, the two girls began to retell the tale.