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SPRING 1932 HASSELBACH, SAXONIA
OSKAR LINKE OF GLEITMERSHAUSEN, NEAR MEININGEN, SWORE AN AFFIDAVIT BEFORE A 01

JUDGE AS FOLLOWS. 02

I WAS RIDING HOME ON MY MOTOR CYCLE, WITH MY ELEVEN-YEAR-OLD DAUGHTER 03

GABRIELE ON THE PILLION, WHEN A TIRE BURST NEAR THE VILLAGE OF HASSELBACH. 04

AS WE WERE PUSHING THE MACHINE TOWARDS HASSELBACH, GABRIELE POINTED TO 05

SOMETHING ABOUT A HUNDRED AND FIFTY YARDS AWAY. AT FIRST SIGHT IN THE HALF 06

LIGHT, I TOOK IT FOR A YOUNG DEER. 07

I LEFT MY MOTOR CYCLE BY A TREE WHILE I APPROACHED THE *DEER* CAUTIOUSLY. 08

I WAS NOW ABOUT SIXTY YARDS FROM IT. 09

I THEN REALISED THAT MY FIRST IMPRESSION HAD BEEN INCORRECT. THE THING I 10

HAD NOTICED WAS REALLY TWO APPARENTLY HUMAN FIGURES NOW ABOUT FIFTY YARDS 11

FROM ME. 12

THEY APPEARED TO BE CLOTHED IN A KIND OF SHIMMERING METALLIC SUBSTANCE, AND 13

WERE BENDING DOWN AND STUDYING SOMETHING ON THE GROUND. 14

I WORMED MY WAY TO WITHIN ABOUT THIRTY FEET OF THEM, PEERING OVER A SMALL 15

RIDGE. I NOTICED A LARGE OBJECT, WHICH I JUDGED TO BE ABOUT FORTY TO FIFTY 16

FEET ACROSS, THOUGH IT WAS HARD TO SAY EXACTLY. IT LOOKED LIKE A HUGE 17

WARMING PAN. 18

THERE WERE TWO ROWS OF HOLES ALONG THE SIDES, ABOUT A FOOT IN DIAMETER. 19

EACH ROW WAS ROUGHLY A FOOT AND A HALF FROM THE NEXT. 20

OUT OF THE METALLIC OBJECT ROSE A BLACK CYLINDRICAL *CONNING TOWER* ABOUT 21

TEN FEET HIGH. 22

I WAS NOW ALARMED BY A CALL FROM MY DAUGHTER, WHO HAD REMAINED SOME 23

DISTANCE BACK. THE SOUND MUST HAVE REACHED THE TWO FIGURES, FOR THEY RUSHED 24

BACK TO THE OBJECT, CLAMBERED RAPIDLY UP THE SIDE OF THE CONNING TOWER AND 25

DISAPPEARED INSIDE. 26

PREVIOUSLY I HAD NOTICED THAT ONE APPEARED TO BE CARRYING A LAMP ON HIS 27

CHEST. THE LAMP FLASHED ON AND OFF AT REGULAR INTERVALS. 28

THE OUTER EDGE OF THE *WARMING PAN* IN WHICH THE HOLES WERE SUNK, NOW 29

STARTED TO GLOW. 30

THE COLOR AT FIRST SEEMED GREEN, THEN CHANGED TO RED. AT THE SAME TIME I 31

HEARD A SLIGHT HUM. AS THE GLOW AND THE SOUND INCREASED, THE *CONNING TOWER* 32

WAS RETRACTING INTO THE CENTER OF THE *WARMING PAN* AND THE WHOLE OBJECT ROSE 33

SLOWLY FROM THE GROUND. 34

FROM THE SWIRLING EFFECT OF THE GLOWING *EXHAUST*, I GOT THE IMPRESSION 35

THAT THE WHOLE OBJECT WAS SPINNING LIKE A TOP. 36

IT SEEMED TO BE RESTING ON THE CYLINDRICAL PIECE WHICH HAD SUNK THROUGH THE 37

CENTER OF THE OBJECT AND WAS NOW PROTRUDING FROM THE BOTTOM AND STANDING ON 38

THE GROUND. 39

THE *WARMING PAN* WITH ITS GLOWING OUTSIDE RING OF FLAME, WAS NOW SOME FEET 40

OFF THE EARTH. 41

THEN I NOTICED THAT THE WHOLE OBJECT WAS RISING SLOWLY FROM THE EARTH. THE 42

CYLINDER ON WHICH IT HAD RESTED HAD NOW DISAPPEARED INSIDE THE CENTER AND 43

REAPPEARED AGAIN THROUGH THE TOP. 44

THE RATE OF ASCENT NOW BECAME MUCH GREATER, AND AT THE SAME TIME MY 45

DAUGHTER AND I HEARD A WHISTLING SOUND, RATHER LIKE THE NOISE MADE BY A 46

FALLING BOMB, BUT NOT NEARLY SO LOUD. 47

THE OBJECT ROSE IN HORIZONTAL POSITION, SWERVED AWAY TOWARDS A NEARBY 48

VILLAGE AND DISAPPEARED, STILL GAINING HEIGHT OVER THE HILLS AND FOREST 49

TOWARDS STOCKHEIM. 50

SEVERAL OTHER PEOPLE IN THE AREA LATER TOLD HERR LINKE THEY HAD SEEN 51

SOMETHING WHICH THEY TOOK FOR A COMET. ONE, A SHEPHERD, GEORG DERBST, WHO WAS 52

ABOUT A MILE-AND-A-HALF AWAY, SAID HE THOUGHT A COMET HAD BOUNCED OFF THE 53

EARTH. 54

A SAWMILL WATCHMAN TOLD HERR LINKE HE HAD SEEN WHAT HE THOUGHT WAS A *LOW 55

FLYING COMET* FLASH AWAY FROM THE HILL WHERE HERR LINKE SAW THE OBJECT. 56

AFTER APPEARING BEFORE THE JUDGE, HERR LINKE SAID, *I WOULD ALMOST HAVE 57

BELIEVED THAT MY DAUGHTER AND I HAD DREAMED THE WHOLE EPISODE WERE IT NOT FOR 58

ONE THING. 59

*WHEN THE THING HAD GONE, I WENT TO THE PLACE WHERE IT HAD BEEN STANDING. 60

I FOUND A CIRCULAR DEPRESSION, EVIDENTLY FRESHLY MADE, WHERE THE EARTH HAD 61

BEEN DRIVEN DOWN. 62

*THIS WAS EXACTLY THE SHAPE OF THE *CONNING TOWER*. I REALIZED THEN THAT 63

I HAD NOT BEEN DREAMING.* 64