

Interview Nightmare ~ Bob Newhart ~ (should have read his book!)

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No, no, that's that's alright.

I just I haven't read your book.

I have it right here, up, up the Amazon by Colonel Lloyd Menanger.

You're a colonel in the Air Force?

Oh.

But I'm retired.

What's, what's the book about?

It's about a canoe trip I took up the Amazon a couple years ago.

One minute Mr. Loudon.

Okay, do you think you can talk about this for 10 or of 15 minutes?

Oh I can talk about this for days.

Great. My guest in the studio today is Colonel Lloyd Menanger.

He's written a fascinating book called Up the Amazon.

Colonel tell us about your trip.

Thank you Dick.

I've always been fascinated by stories about the Amazon so when I retired from the Air Force I arranged for some guides and canoes and after months of planning set out to travel from the mouth to the source of the Amazon.

The whole trip was a medley of pain and pleasure.

And why is that, colonel?

Well, there were times the mosquitoes were so thick we couldn't see each other.

And sometimes the air was so heavy we felt we were drinking it instead of breathing it and yet the sheer spectacle of the deep green rainforest unspoiled by any man was worth every inconvenience.

Now did you get to the source of the river?

Not quite, Dick.

About five months into the trip we decided to explore a tributary hundreds of miles from any civilization.

A day or two into this side trip we pulled the canoes over to the bank and decided to do some exploring on foot.

We walked for several miles when we came upon a clearing in the jungle that had some of the most breathtaking scenery I think I've ever seen.

Why don't you tell us about it colonel.

Well, Dick, it was a beautiful primeval valley filled with hundreds of varieties of exotic vegetation and perhaps most amazing, a herd of prehistoric dinosaurs.

Uh, what?

But that's right Dick, some docile brontosauri, flying pterodactyls and of course the king of these great beasts the carnivorous Tyrannosaurus Rex.

Needless to say, we were shocked, amazed, simultaneously amazed and terrified.

We were torn between running for our lives and running for our cameras.

Uh, are you, are you trying to tell us that that you found dinosaurs in in South America?

Correct. Of course I would not be making these claims without documented proof.

I have here an actual, unretouched photo clearly showing the existence of these giant reptiles.

I, I can't make out anything in that photo.

Well, of course, it was taken from the air.

Wait, wait, wait a minute.

I thought, I thought you said you made the trip by canoe.

We did Dick, but we were graciously transported aloft to take this photograph by the extraterrestrials who live in the area.

Extra, extra terrestrials.

That's right, they are actually ball-shaped and communicate through telepathy.

Don't go away, not that you would.

We'll, we'll be right back after this, this word from our sponsor.

We're talking with retired Air Force colonel, Lloyd Meanager who has written a book called Up the Amazon in which he purports to have seen dinosaurs and aliens living somewhere in Brazil.

Colonel I'm sure that you'll have to admit that you've made some extraordinary claims and at the risk of sounding realistic, it seems to me that if there were dinosaurs and alien beings on the banks of the Amazon we would have heard about it before this.

Well not from me, Dick, I've been in hiding.

Hiding?

Correct. The government is trying to kill me.

Obviously when I say government, I mean specifically, the CIA.

They know that if this information were to get out, it would panic the public.

But, you you're not hiding now.

Well, Dick, I didn't feel I could pass up an opportunity to speak on television.

I've been trying for months to tell my story over the airwaves but as we all know the three major networks as well as PBS and most cable channels are now controlled by the Soviet Union.

Okay, I'm, I'm afraid that's all that time we have for today.

Four more minutes Dick.

Not for me pal, this is Dick Loudon for book talk saying goodbye and please try to forget this.

How long have you been in the KGB, Dick?