

They slowly get up and collect themselves, turning on their flashlights. They see the drop was steep and there's no way of getting back up to the cave entrance.

LEE

Well this is great. We're stuck down here.

PARKER

We don't know that. Maybe one of the bats will come pick us up and fly us out, or go get help!

LEE

You think one of the bats will pick us up. And fly us out.

PARKER

Or go get help!

LEE

Parker, for a bat to not only decide to do this, but have the strength to pick up a human, it would have to be the size of a human itself.

Suddenly, a human-sized figure begins to rise out of the shadows behind Lee as he talks. It is pale, bald, has long pointy ears, and glowing red eyes. Parker sees this and his eyes go wide. The creature opens its mouth wide behind Lee, revealing two rows of sharp jagged teeth. Parker tries to get Lee's attention, but is finding difficulty with the words. Lee sees Parker's eyes have drifted behind him and nervously turns around. The creature stands tall and emits a terrifying scream at them. Lee, though scared out of his wits, is able to bring a small camera up to his chest and take a flash picture.

ACT TWO

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The creature continues to scream at Lee and Parker, who can only stand paralyzed in fear. Its scream stops and it begins to approach the boys.

PARKER

M-m-m-maybe he'll fly us back up?

The creature remains slightly hidden in the darkness. Lee looks at his digital camera and stares at the image of the creature, fully illuminated in the flash on the screen.

LEE

Wait, what?

He reaches for his flashlight.

PARKER

What are you doing?!

Lee ignores Parker and shines his flashlight onto the creature, who winces slightly at the bright light on him.

LEE

No way.

PARKER

What?!

Lee now begins to approach the creature, who is now backing up.

LEE

Is it really you? Are you...the Batboy?

FILBERT

(British accent.)

Batboy? My goodness, I haven't heard that name in a long time.

LEE

Oh my god, this is so cool! Your article was the first issue of the Weekly World News I ever read! "BAT CHILD FOUND IN CAVE!" Your face on the cover got me interested in the unexplainable.

FILBERT

Well it's certainly nice to meet a fan.

PARKER

So let me get this straight: this guy is like...famous?

FILBERT

Once upon a time.

LEE

The Batboy was all the rage in the conspiracy theorist news publications.

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LEE (CONT'D)

"Boy captured by explorers 2 miles underground!" "His giant eyes see in the dark and his ears are better than radar, say scientists!"

FILBERT

Ugh, scientists. Their "research" comprised mostly of "So what can you do?! Oh cool! What else?!"

LEE

This is amazing. What are you doing in this cave in Connecticut? And what happened to you? You were huge and then suddenly you disappeared.

FILBERT

Well I guess the short answer is fame. I wasn't ready for all the success and attention that came with being the one and only bat-boy. I was suddenly being invited to big Hollywood parties, hanging out with self-obsessed celebrities, being introduced to terrible things like "energy drinks" and "reality television". It became too much, I turned into a bat-brat. I remember finding myself sitting on a stranger's couch at 3AM between Cory Feldman and Cory Haim playing "What's the worst thing you've ever said to a waiter" (which I won by the way) and I just...didn't like who I'd become. I needed to quit society cold turkey, so I fled to the closest cave I could find and have been hiding out ever since.

LEE

Wow. It's the classic "child star" syndrome. I'm so sorry that happened to you.

FILBERT

Frankly it helped me learn a lot about myself and who I wanted to be. I came into this cave looking for answers and what I found...was myself.

PARKER

So you're, what? Half bat, half human? Was your mom bitten by a bat, or...like how did this all happen?