

Myth and Mysteries of New Mexico

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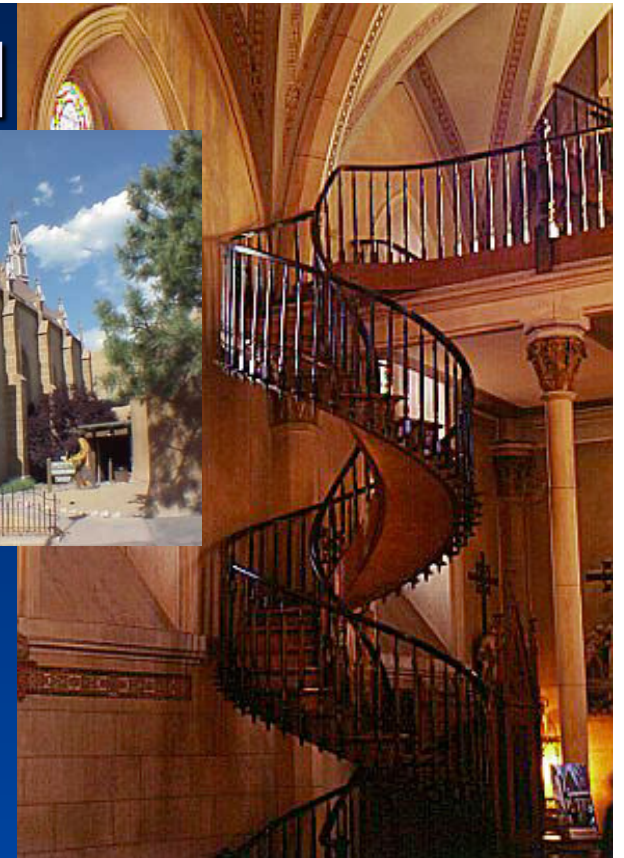


KiMo Theater



Loretto Chapel

- When the Loretto Chapel was completed in 1898, there was no way to access the choir loft twenty-two feet above. Carpenters were called in to address the problem but they all concluded access to the loft would have to be via ladder as a staircase would interfere with the interior space of the small Chapel.
- Sisters of the Chapel made a novena to St. Joseph, the patron saint of carpenters. On the ninth and final day of prayer, a man appeared at the Chapel with a donkey and a toolbox looking for work. Months later the elegant circular staircase was completed, and the carpenter disappeared without pay or thanks.
- The staircase has two 360 degree turns and has no visible means of support. Also, it is said that the staircase was built without nails—only wooden pegs. Questions also surround the number of stair risers compared to the height of the choir loft and about the types of wood and other materials used in the stairway's construction.



La Fonda Hotel

- In 1867, the Honorable John P. Slough, Chief Justice of the Territorial Supreme Court, was shot to death in the hotel lobby.
- More than a century ago, a distraught salesman who lost his company's money in a card game, leaped to his death down a deep well that was located just outside the gambling hall of the Exchange Hotel.
- Today, the La Fonda Hotel is a vibrant historic landmark on Santa Fe's downtown Plaza, known for its award-winning architecture and decor, unique artwork.



Chimayo

- Somewhere around 1810, a Chimayó friar was performing penances when he saw a light bursting from a hillside. Digging, he found a crucifix, quickly dubbed the miraculous crucifix of Our Lord of Esquipulas. A local priest brought the crucifix to Santa Cruz, but three times it disappeared and was later found back in its hole. By the third time, everyone understood that El Señor de Esquipulas wanted to remain in Chimayó, and so a small chapel was built on the site. Then the miraculous healings began. These grew so numerous that the chapel had to be replaced by the larger, current Chimayó Shrine -- an adobe mission -- in 1816.



Double Eagle Restaurant

- One of the servants was a teenage girl named Inez, who was very beautiful. Armando fell in love. He knew his mother would not approve and Armando and Inez tried to keep their love a secret.

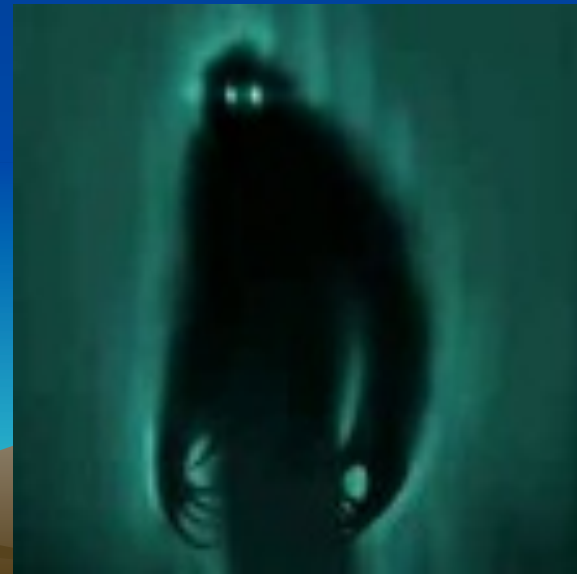
Then, one day, the mom returned early from a trip. She walked to his bedroom and found beautiful Inez -- in Armando's arms.

Enraged by the sight, the mom pulled her sewing shears out. Without a sound, the shears were raised and then plunged into Inez's breast. Again, the shears were raised. Armando screamed, "No, Mama! No!" and rushed to shield his beloved Inez. She then drove the shears into her own son's back.



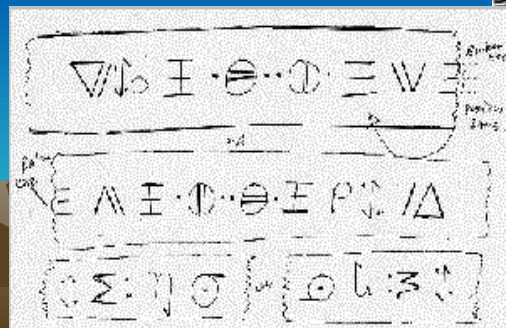
Skin-Walkers

- A *Yeenaaldlooshii* is one of several varieties of Navajo witch. To become a skinwalker they say a man or woman must have attained the highest level of priesthood then commit the act of killing a family member.
- Usually they are seen in the form of a coyote, wolf, owl, fox, or crow. Yet they have the power to assume the form of any animal.
- Some Navajo also believe that skinwalkers have the ability to steal the "skin" or body of a person. The Navajo believe that if you lock eyes with a skinwalker they can absorb themselves into your body. It is also said that skinwalkers avoid the light and that their eyes glow like an animal's when in human form and when in animal form their eyes do not glow as an animal's would.



Roswell Incident

- On the evening of July 3, 1947 Dan Wilmot, a respected business owner, and his wife were sitting on their front porch when they saw a bright saucer shaped object with glowing lights moving across the sky at 400-500 miles per hour. Dan Wilmot reported his unusual sighting to the Roswell Daily Record.
- In the following days virtually every witness to the crash wreckage and the subsequent recovery efforts was either abruptly transferred or seemed to disappear from the face of the earth. This led to suspicions that an extraordinary event was the subject of a deliberate government coverup.



Other Alien Crashes

- Aztec, New Mexico (3/11/48)- One of the most secretive Alien Crash Sites is found right in Aztec, N.M.. Claims are that there were 16 aliens found within the vehicle. Humanoid appearance with heights ranging from 36 to 42 inches. All dead.
- Albuquerque, New Mexico (9/10/50) - 3 bodies recovered.
- Carlsbad, New Mexico (7/18/57) - Craft was in excellent condition, 4 bodies recovered.
- Holloman AFB, New Mexico (6/12/62) - 2 bodies recover.
- Chili, New Mexico (5/74) - An Air Force team allegedly removed a 60 foot wide metallic object from an impact area and moved it to Kirtland AFB.
- Tobasco, New Mexico (8/17/77) - 2 bodies recovered.

