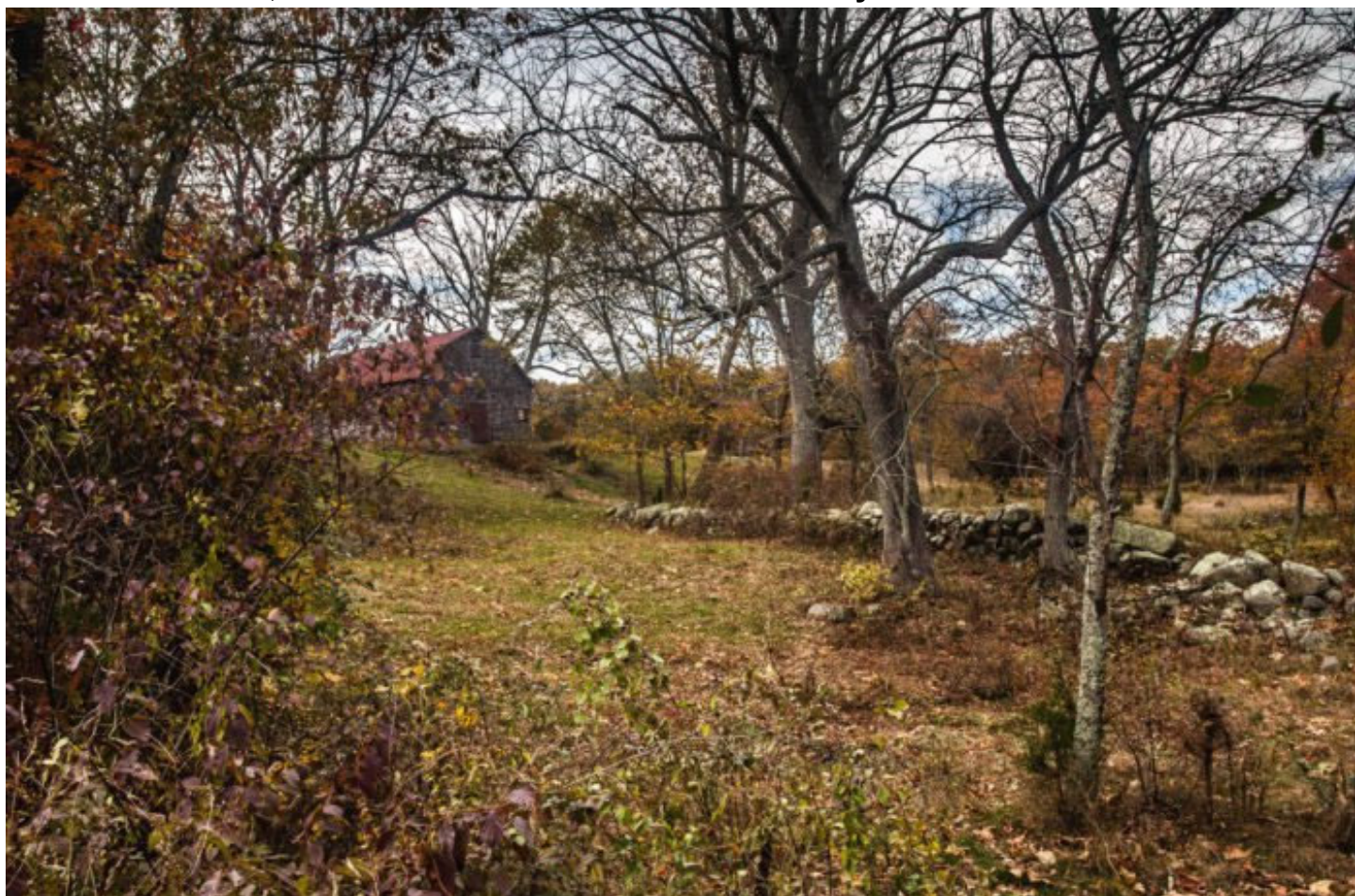


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## Exeter Is Allegedly One Of Rhode Island's Most Haunted Small Towns

As you drive along the charming countrysides of Exeter, Rhode Island, you'll probably notice the idyllic atmosphere and quiet serenity. If you dig a little deeper into this town's history, however, you'll find something dark and sinister. Paranormal enthusiasts will love exploring this unassuming little place. Eager for an adrenaline rush? Pay a visit to Exeter. This place is allegedly one of Rhode Island's most haunted small towns.

**Formed in 1742, the town of Exeter is rich with history.**



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Exeter, Rhode Island only has a population of around 6,425 people, but this small town has seen its

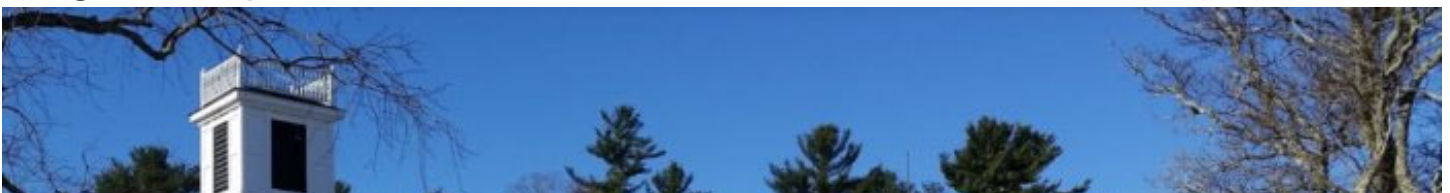
## The most infamous story took place at Chestnut Hill Baptist Church.



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Don't be fooled by its lovely exterior -- this tiny church is the site of one of Rhode Island's most terrifying tales.

**Chestnut Hill Baptist Church was built in 1838, right in the middle of the New England Vampire Panic.**





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The New England Vampire Panic flourished as a result of a tuberculosis outbreak. At the time, people thought the disease was caused by corpses consuming the souls of the living. To stop the illness from spreading, locals did something unthinkable.

**During this regional panic, New England residents did everything they could to stop the "vampires" from taking over --- including digging up graves.**



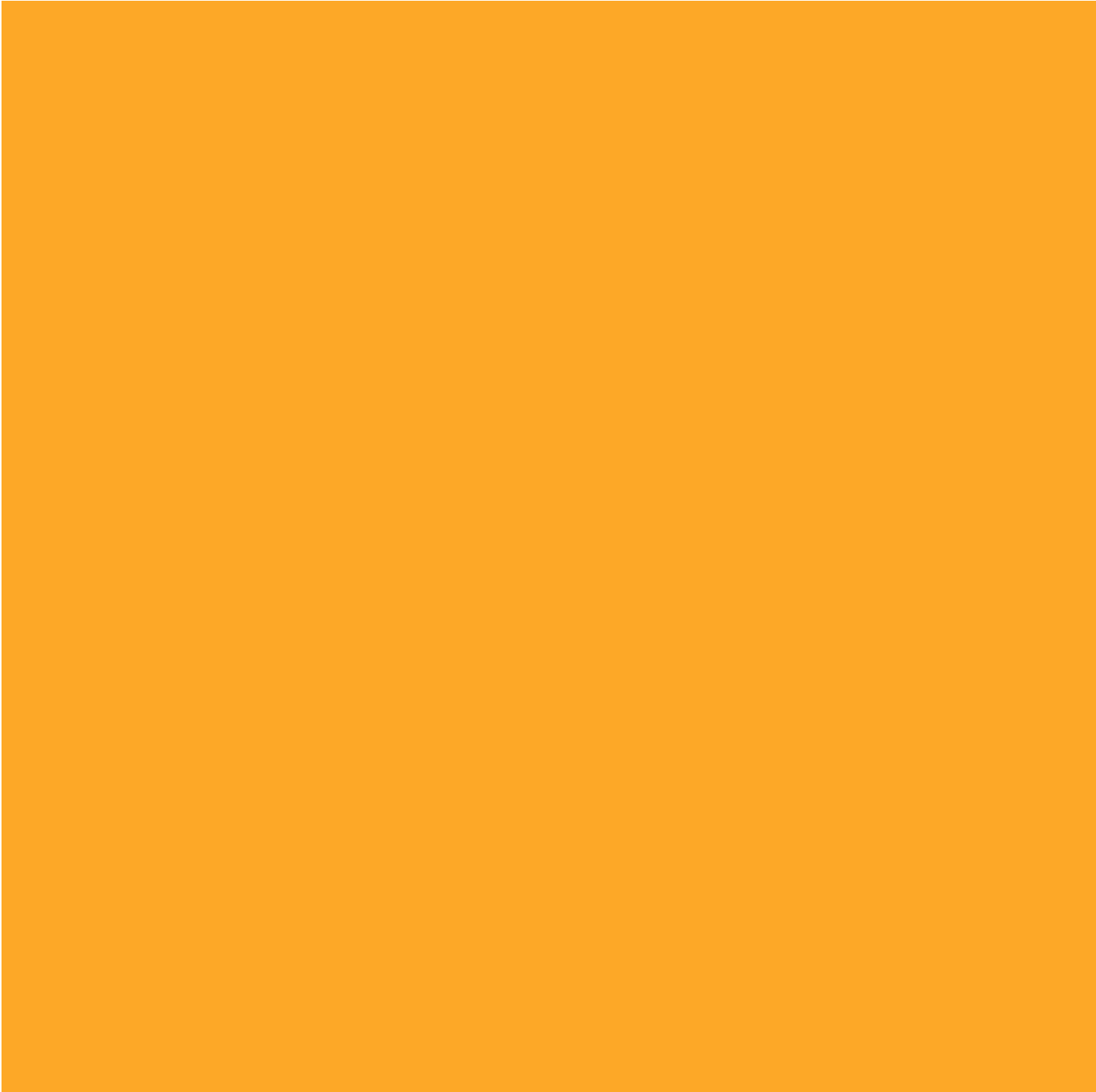
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That's right -- it was common practice exhume bodies from the grave. During this ritual, people would harvest internal organs and burn them to prevent the disease from spreading.

**One of the most famous incidents occurred at the graveyard next to Chestnut Hill Baptist Church.**

As you walk through this historic area, you can't help but feel a chill run down your spine. To this day, people report paranormal sightings. Are you brave enough to experience the most haunted small town in Rhode Island?

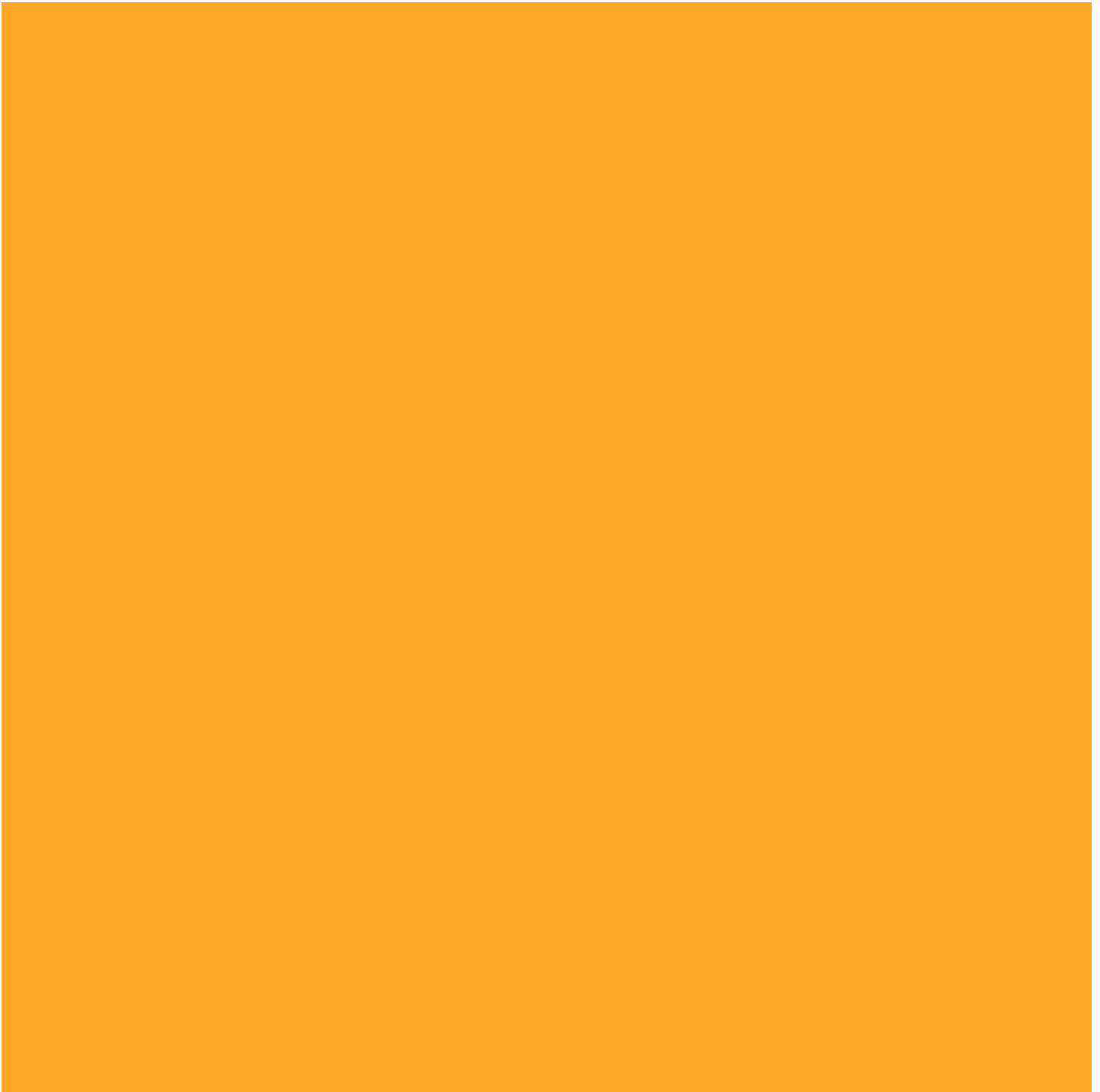
**When you reach the gravestone of Mercy Brown, the terror will grow even more.**



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Mercy Brown is the most famous tale of the Vampire Panic. After dying of tuberculosis, Mercy was

**Locals believed the blood in her body meant Mercy had become a vampire.**



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According to legend, Mercy's heart and liver were burned and turned into a tonic. Her father drank the concoction in an attempt to ward off the disease. Of course, this caused him to contract tuberculosis, and he died two months later.

**If you're feeling adventurous, take a day trip to the creepy town of Exeter.**



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Who knows? Maybe you'll encounter the spirits from centuries ago. Some say these ghosts never want to leave.

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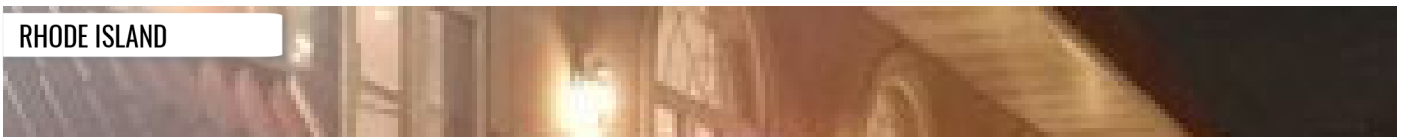
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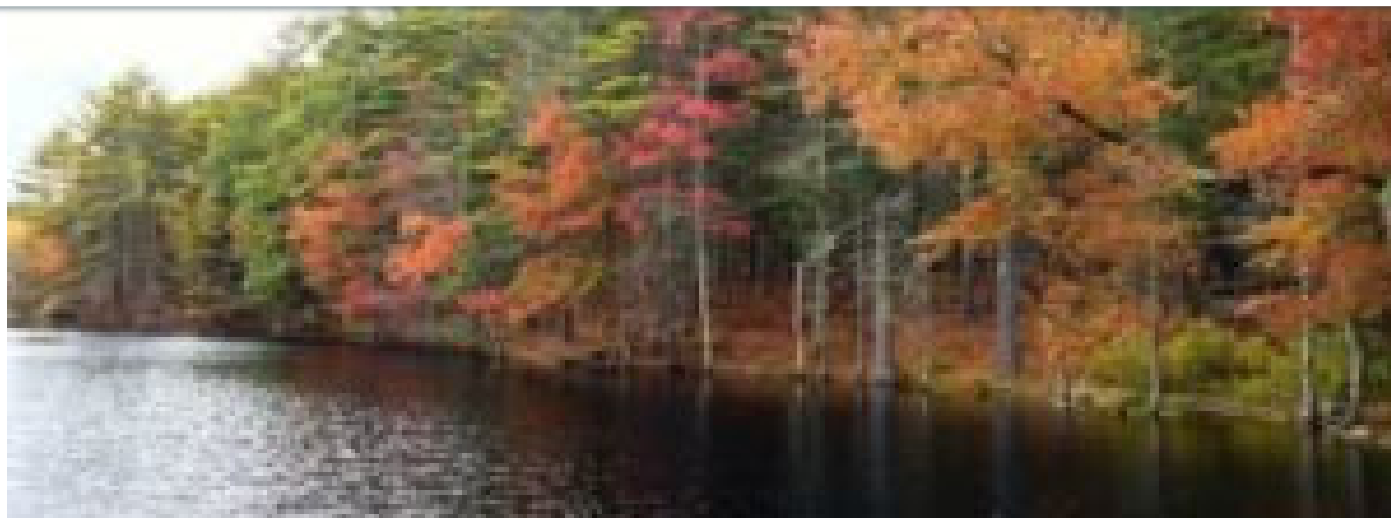


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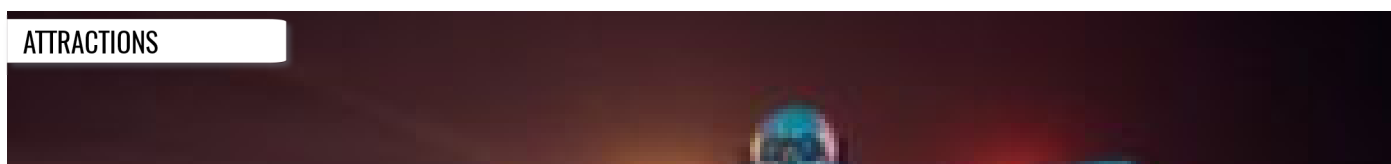


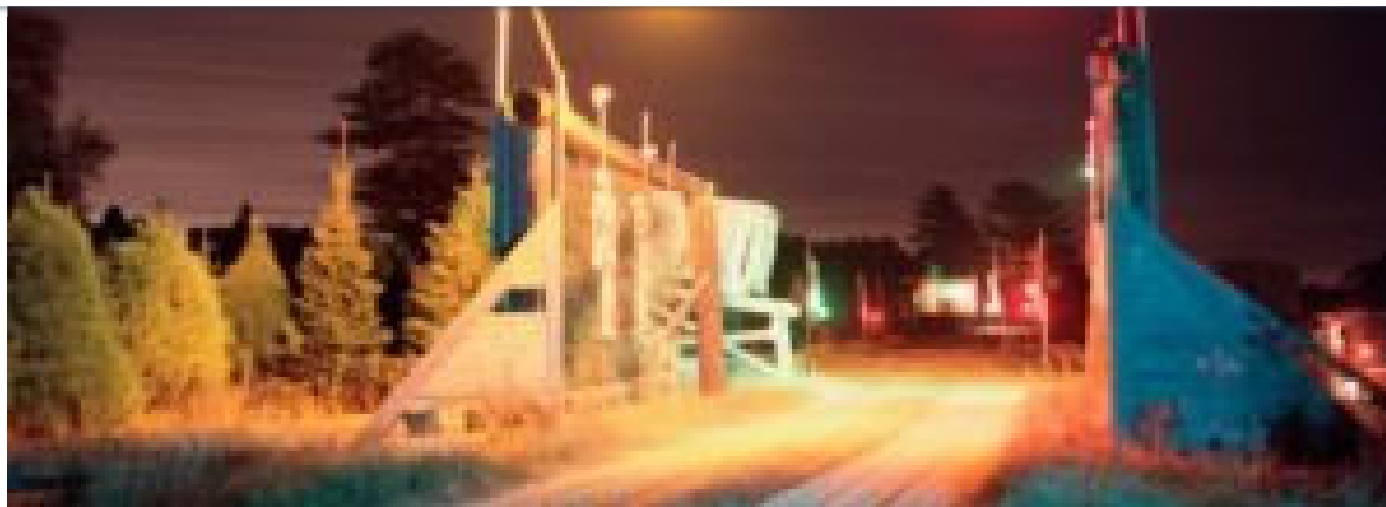


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