

A detailed illustration of a ghost hunter, a man with glasses and a green jacket, standing in a dark, foggy graveyard at night. He is holding a flashlight that illuminates a path leading to a large, multi-story Victorian-style house with many lit windows. A full moon hangs in the orange-hued sky. In the foreground, a stone pillar topped with a winged devil statue stands on the left. The overall mood is eerie and suspenseful.

GHOST HUNTING GADGETS

What they do. How they work. What can fool them.

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ABOUT JAKE

I'M USUALLY THE GADGET GUY

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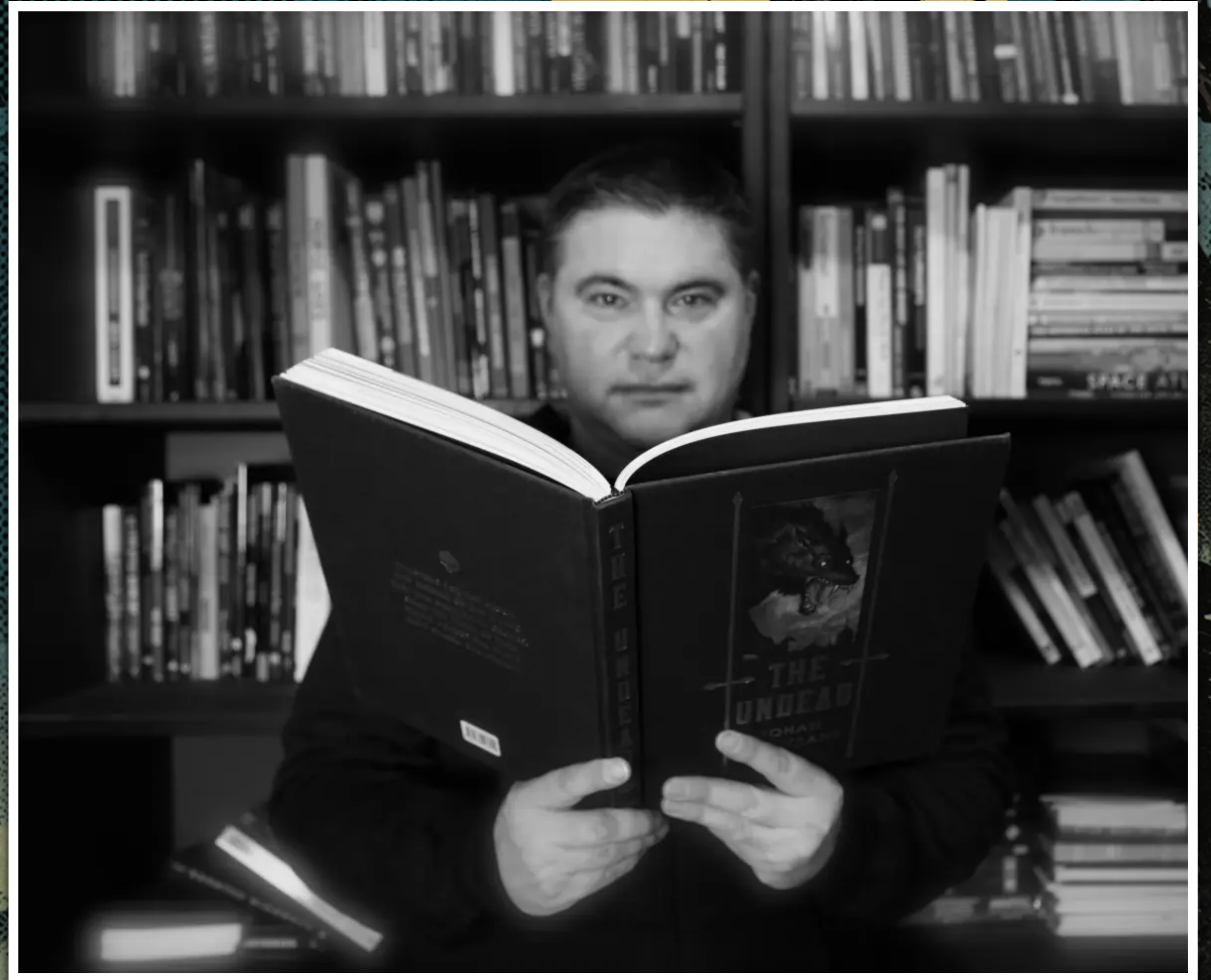
Ghost hunter since 2009

Creator of Ghostly Activities

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Tech manager & evidence analyst

I like figuring out what the gadgets actually detect, collecting the data, and publishing the report.



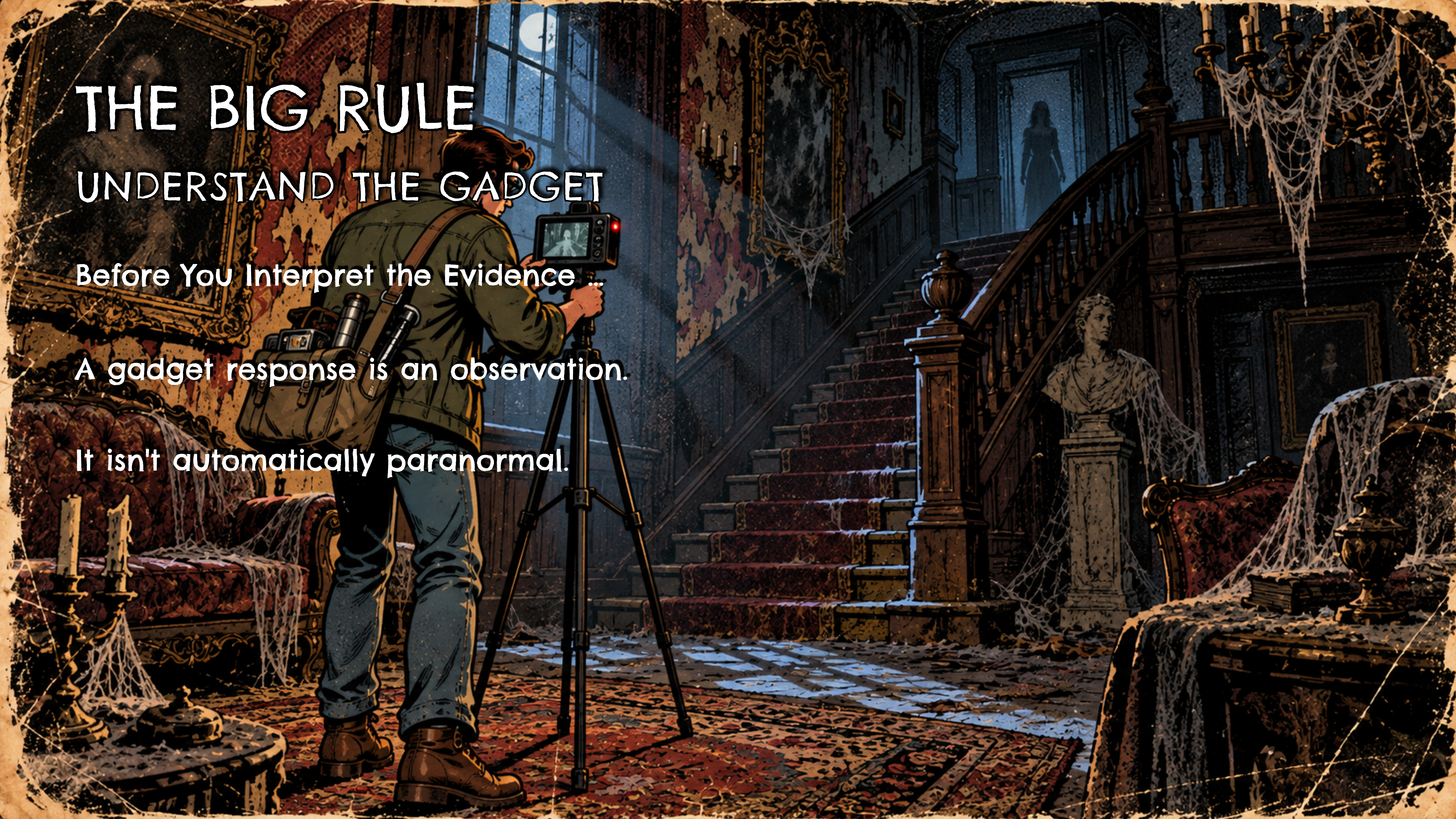
THE BIG RULE

UNDERSTAND THE GADGET

Before You Interpret the Evidence ...

A gadget response is an observation.

It isn't automatically paranormal.



5 TYPES OF GHOST HUNTING GADGETS



DOCUMENTATION

What happened?

MOVEMENT

Did something move?

ENVIRONMENTAL

Did something change?

ENGAGEMENT

Does something want to interact?

COMMUNICATION

Can we capture a response?

DOCUMENTATION: AUDIO RECORDERS

WHAT

Portable audio recorder

HOW

Captures sound for later review

WHY

Documents voices, noises & EVP sessions

GOTCHAS

Handling · clothing · footsteps · HVAC · people nearby



DOCUMENTATION: IR CAMERAS

WHAT

Camera that can record infrared light

HOW

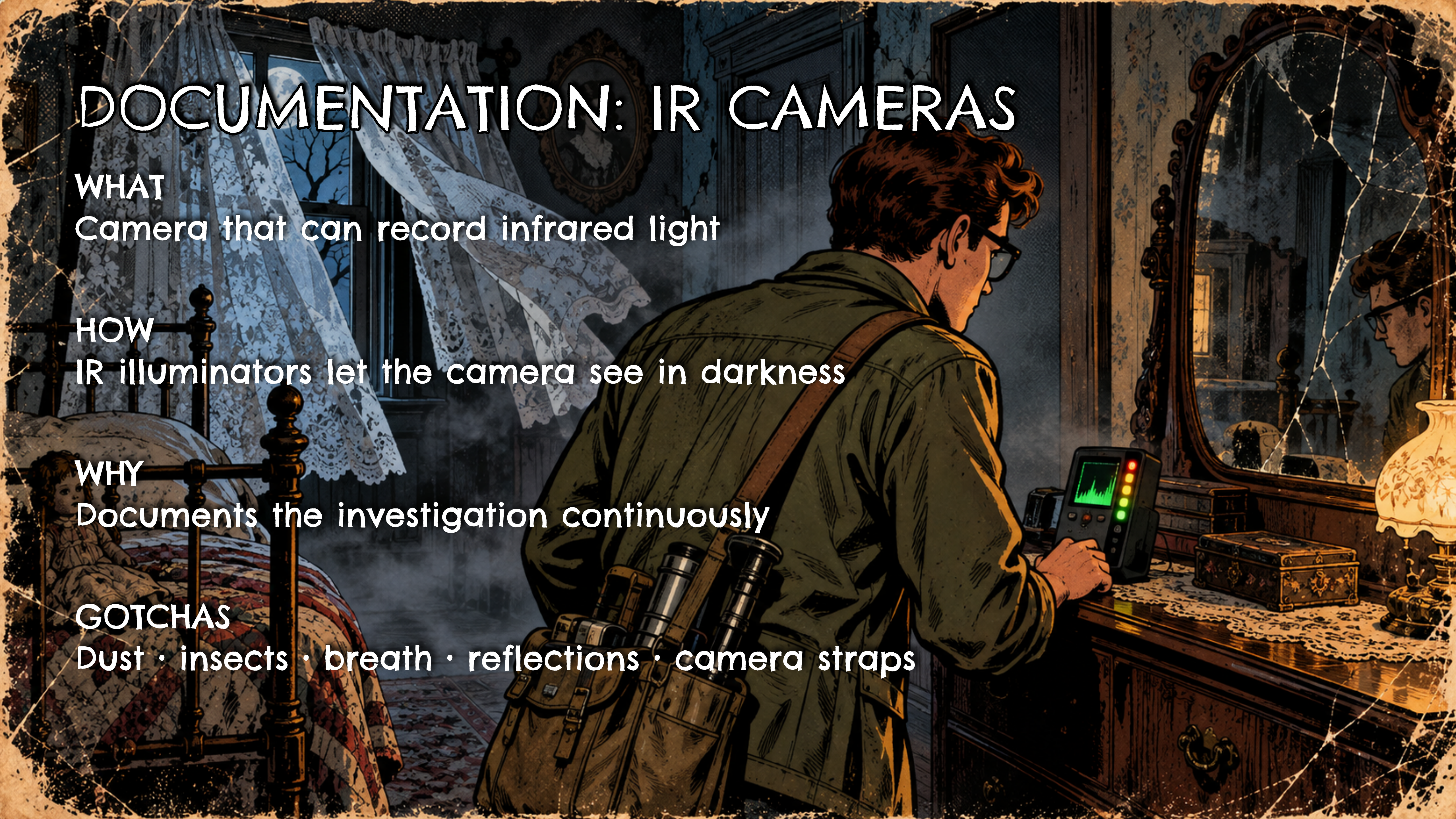
IR illuminators let the camera see in darkness

WHY

Documents the investigation continuously

GOTCHAS

Dust • insects • breath • reflections • camera straps



MOVEMENT: TRACERWIRE 2

WHAT

LiDAR movement detector

HOW

Uses an infrared laser to measure distance

WHY

Shows where something crosses its path

GOTCHAS

People · animals · objects · line of sight · poor placement · kinks



MOVEMENT: SLS KINECT

WHAT

Depth camera + body tracking

HOW

Software estimates human joints from depth data

WHY

Looks for human-like movement and shapes

GOTCHAS

Furniture · occlusion · depth noise · angles · software guesses



GOTCHA! USING THE SLS KINECT CORRECTLY

DON'T CHASE THE STICK FIGURE!

STOP – Hold the camera still (tripod)

LOOK – What object is it mapping?

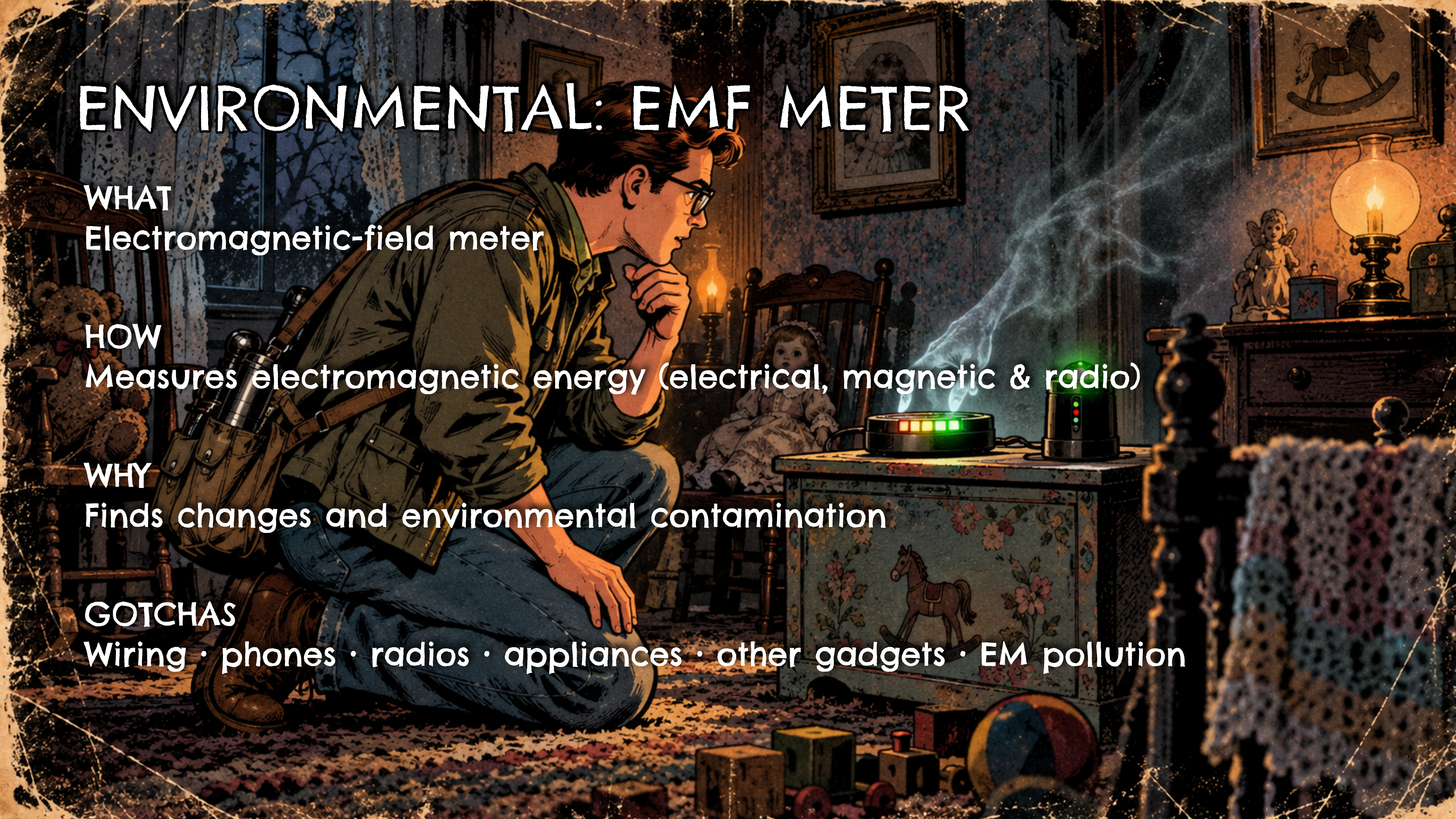
CHANGE – Move the object or camera

REPEAT – Does the figure return?

CORROBORATE – Did anything else happen?



ENVIRONMENTAL: EMF METER



WHAT

Electromagnetic-field meter

HOW

Measures electromagnetic energy (electrical, magnetic & radio)

WHY

Finds changes and environmental contamination

GOTCHAS

Wiring · phones · radios · appliances · other gadgets · EM pollution

ENVIRONMENTAL: EDI+ (DATA LOGGERS)

WHAT

Multi-sensor environmental meter

HOW

Monitors several conditions at once

WHY

Lets us compare events with environmental changes

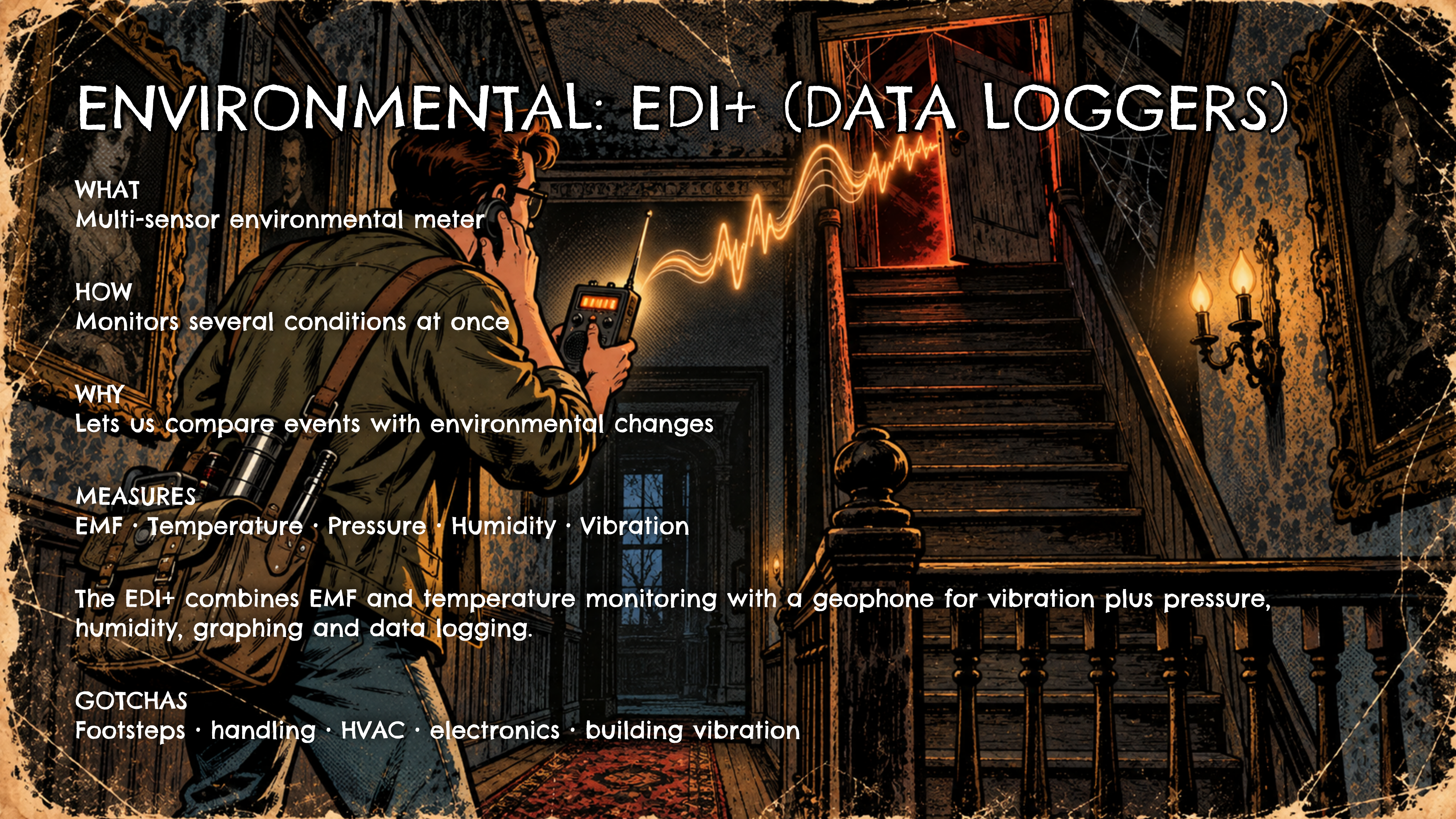
MEASURES

EMF · Temperature · Pressure · Humidity · Vibration

The EDI+ combines EMF and temperature monitoring with a geophone for vibration plus pressure, humidity, graphing and data logging.

GOTCHAS

Footsteps · handling · HVAC · electronics · building vibration



ENGAGEMENT: REM POD

WHAT

Proximity / field-disturbance device

HOW

Creates a field around its antenna

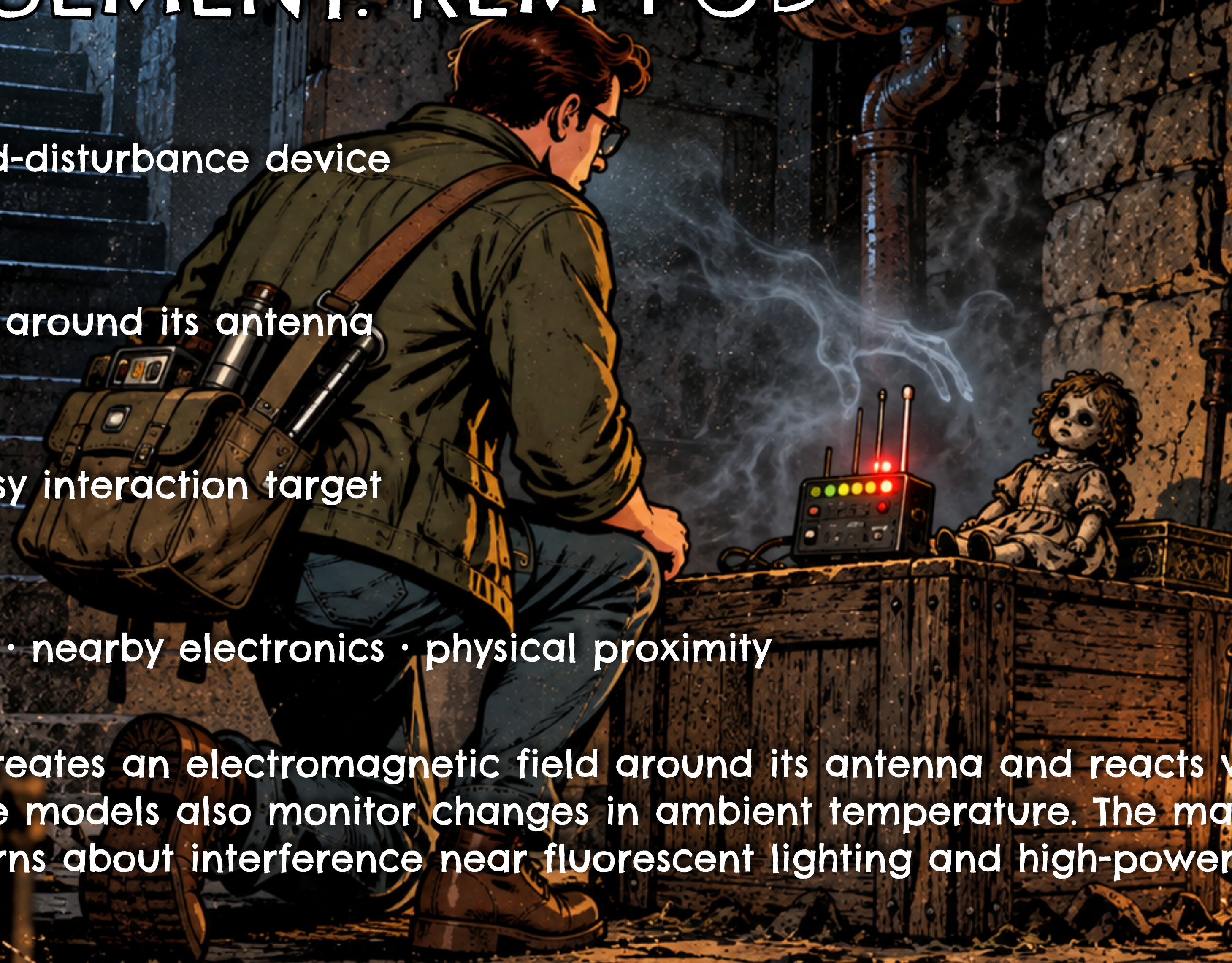
WHY

Provides an easy interaction target

GOTCHAS

People · radios · nearby electronics · physical proximity

The REM Pod creates an electromagnetic field around its antenna and reacts when that field is disturbed; some models also monitor changes in ambient temperature. The manufacturer specifically warns about interference near fluorescent lighting and high-powered radio equipment



ENGAGEMENT: ONVOY GHOST BOX

WHAT

Sensor-triggered communication interface

HOW

Environmental changes make selections

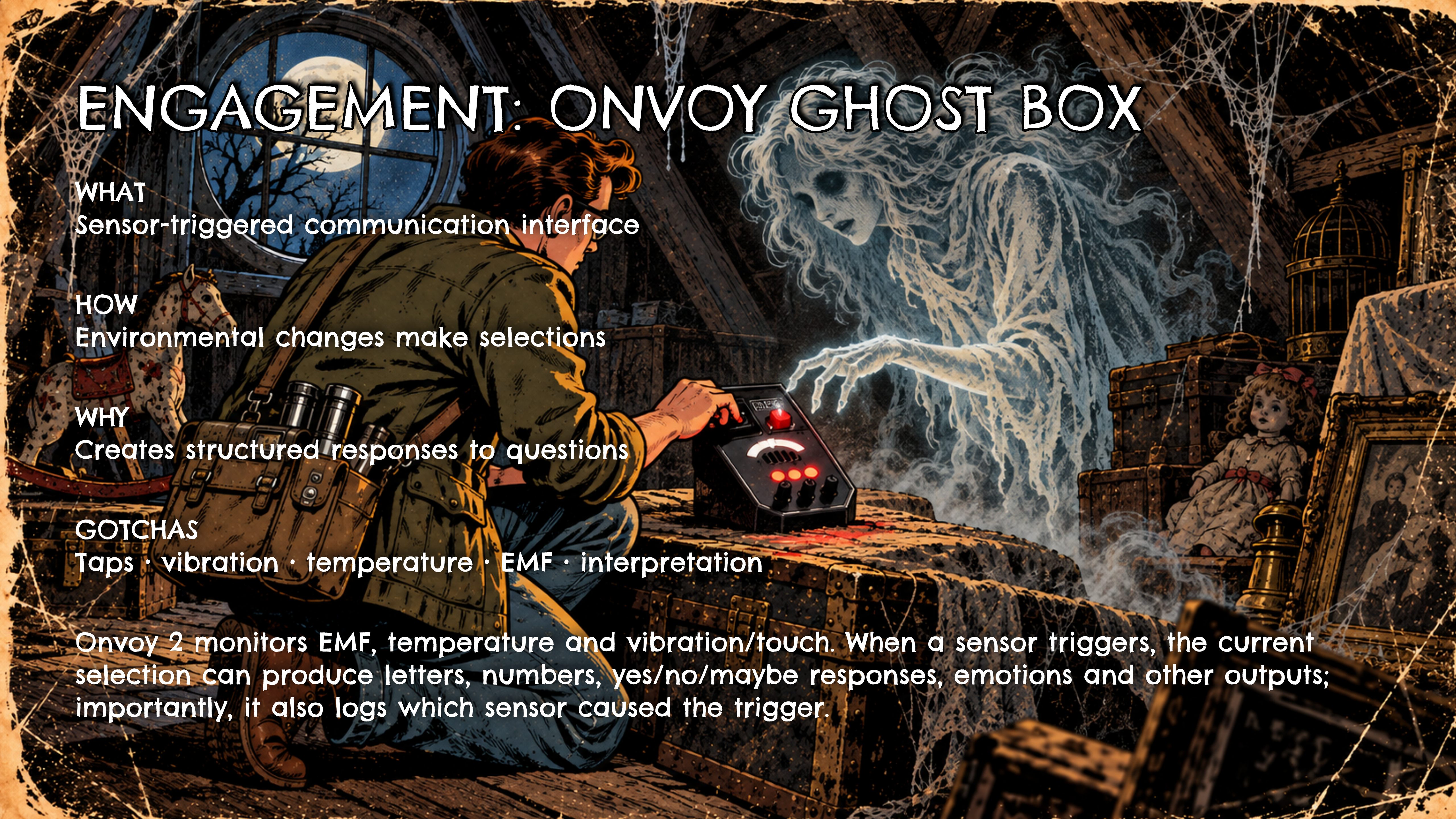
WHY

Creates structured responses to questions

GOTCHAS

Taps · vibration · temperature · EMF · interpretation

Onvoy 2 monitors EMF, temperature and vibration/touch. When a sensor triggers, the current selection can produce letters, numbers, yes/no/maybe responses, emotions and other outputs; importantly, it also logs which sensor caused the trigger.



INSTRUMENTAL TRANSCOMMUNICATION

AKA ITC

Using technology to seek possible communication

Examples:

Spirit boxes

EVP sessions

Scanning radios

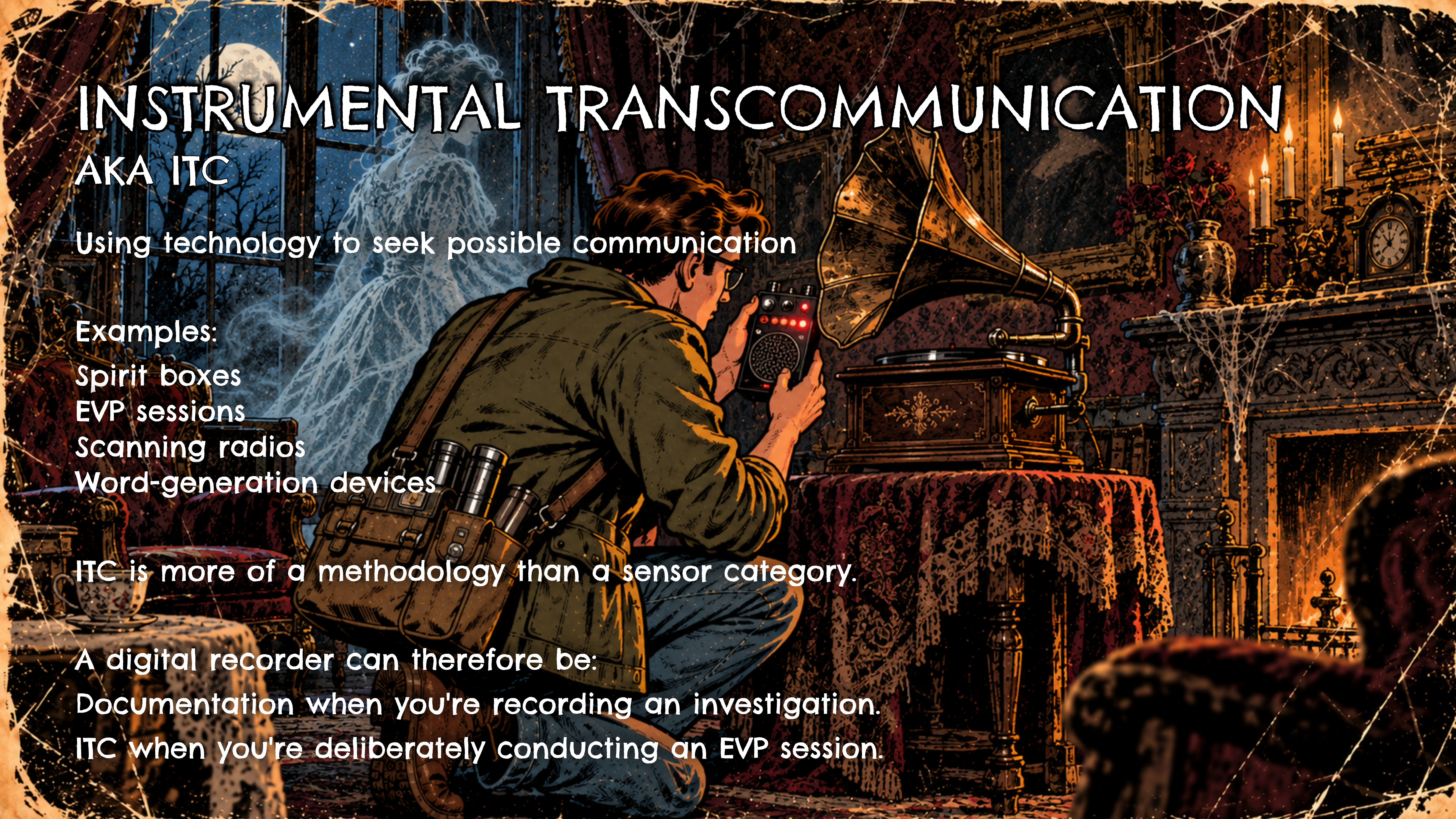
Word-generation devices

ITC is more of a methodology than a sensor category.

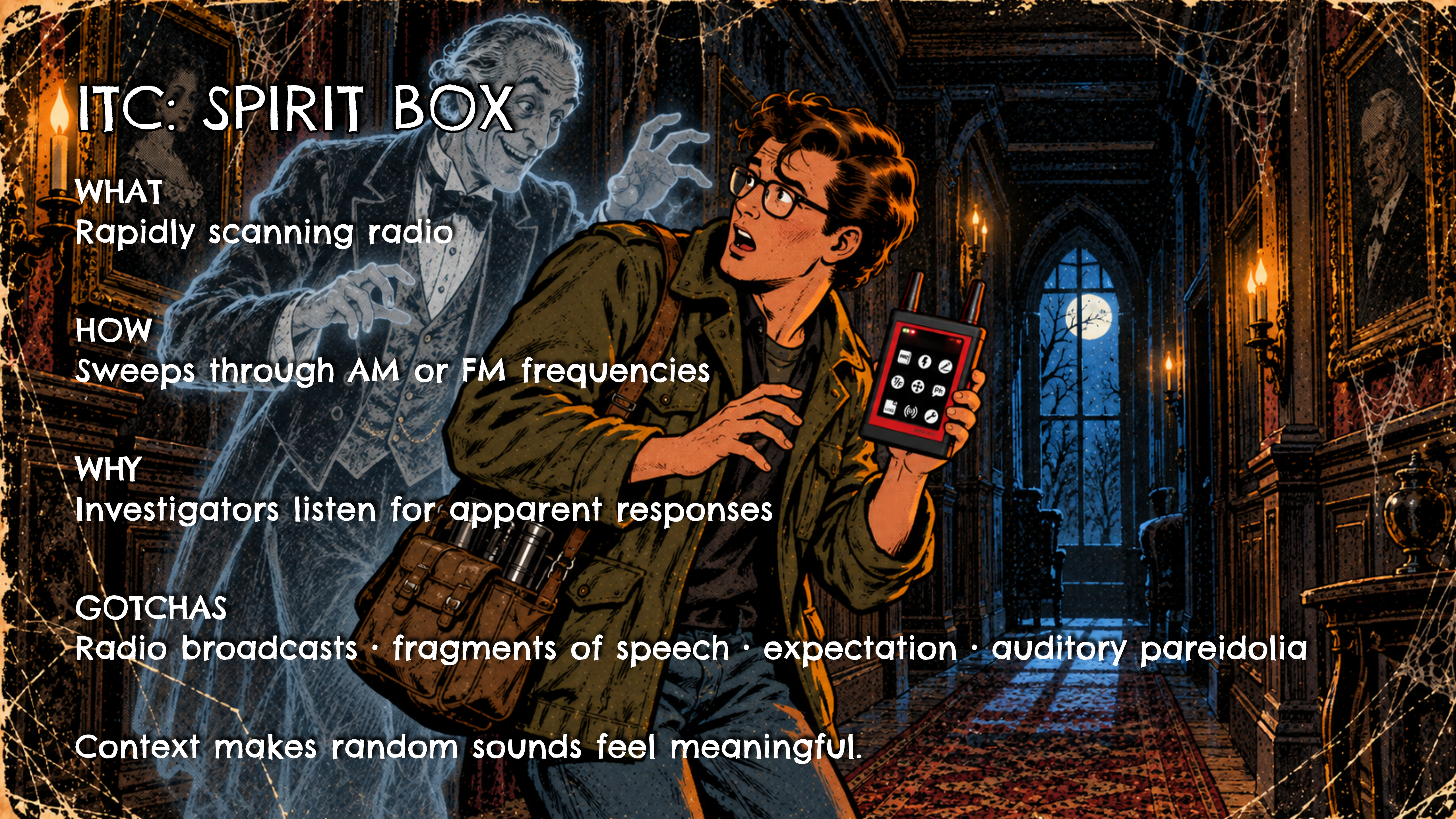
A digital recorder can therefore be:

Documentation when you're recording an investigation.

ITC when you're deliberately conducting an EVP session.



ITC: SPIRIT BOX

A detailed illustration of a man in a green trench coat and glasses, holding a Spirit Box device. He is in a dark, gothic-style hallway with cobwebs and a ghostly figure in the background. The Spirit Box screen shows various icons like a lightning bolt, a plus sign, and a speech bubble.

WHAT

Rapidly scanning radio

HOW

Sweeps through AM or FM frequencies

WHY

Investigators listen for apparent responses

GOTCHAS

Radio broadcasts · fragments of speech · expectation · auditory pareidolia

Context makes random sounds feel meaningful.

PUTTING IT ALL TOGETHER

ONE GADGET ISN'T EVIDENCE

Look for Corroboration

Audio

+

Video

+

Movement

+

Environmental data

+

Human observation

Did independent things happen at the same time?



WHEN A GADGET GOES OFF ...

BASELINE

What was normal?

ISOLATE

What could have caused it?

REPEAT

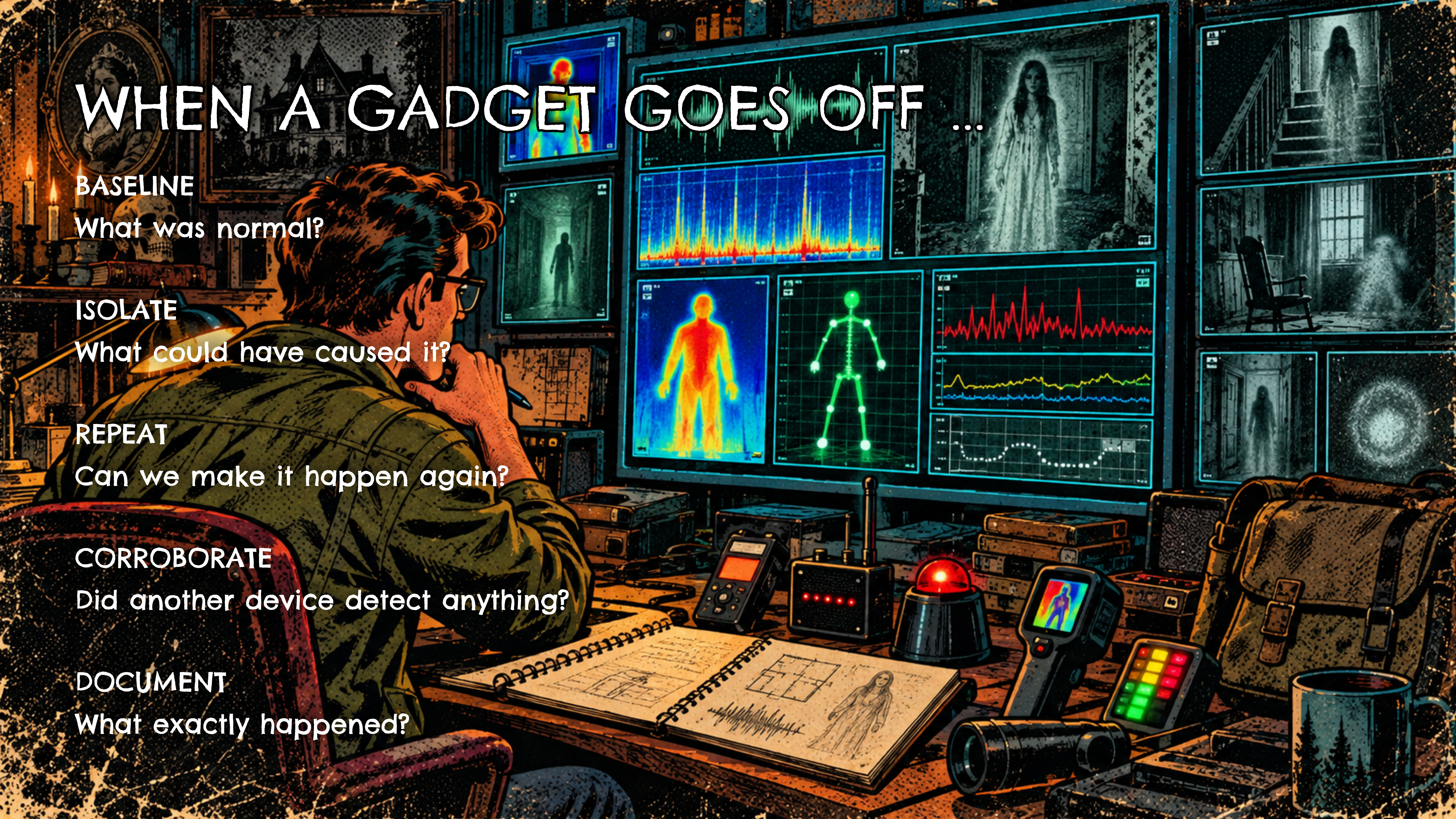
Can we make it happen again?

CORROBORATE

Did another device detect anything?

DOCUMENT

What exactly happened?





LET'S PLAY WITH SOME GADGETS