

The Bend

Canaan, Connecticut

The Bend is a patch of land about the size of an acre, located at the south end of Wagnum Lake in the town of Canaan, which is itself located in Connecticut's Litchfield County. And... it's one of those places that 'defy gravity.' Normally, that's just a place where there's an optical illusion in place that makes an downward slant look like a level or upward one; but in this case it's an area where, if you put a metal ball in one particular spot, it will slowly but noticeably rise twelve inches in the air, and stay there.

And that's pretty much it.

The best that the scientists can come up with is that it's a knot in space-time -- right, that's not what they said at *first*. It's the immensely dumbed-down explanation that at least allows people to move on with working the problem. Whatever it is is just exotic physics, not supernatural, but it's really strange exotic physics, and as time goes on many of the scientists involved are getting less and less sure about whether they're even close to accurately modeling what's going on here. It's all a mystery.

Unfortunately, it's not exactly a sexy mystery, from a funding point of view: which means that there's no institutional drive to investigate. Quite the opposite, really: the property in which The Bend is located happens to belong to somebody who once pulled over in the middle of the night to give a wet and bedraggled hitchhiker a lift, a hot meal, and fifty bucks for the bus to Hartford. That hitchhiker now oversees Illuminati operations for the entire Eastern Seaboard, which effectively means that NO ONE MAY BOTHER THAT GOOD SAMARITAN BY TRAIPSING THEIR EXPERIMENTS ALL OVER HIS PROPERTY. Researchers can still research, as long as they leave no traces (memory manipulation does not count as 'no traces'). They'd be well-advised to leave no traces.

And, hey! Guess who got assigned to run interference for the latest research team!

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