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her car appeared and says Mickie. up behind them. Kathy to talk to the driver. She

Mickie. "Our skin was covered with goosebumps."

A group of lights appeared in the distance. As the sinister rumbling sound grew closer, the lights merged into one and became a massive spaceship.

Then they were blinded by an orange light like the sun coming up. Suddenly, it seemed as if they had been transported to another world.

'People started to appear out of nowhere, walking across the freeway carrying tubes or pipes," says Mickie.

There were these blue lights and we knew something was going to happen," says Mickie, "We were terrified. We felt like we were going to be taken to another planet.

Everything vanished and a man appeared out of nowhere. He said he was heading for Chicago and offered the women, whose car would not start, a lift.

Stopping at a truck stop, they walked over to a motel and got a room. As they locked the door, the TV set switched on and the lights went out by themselves.

This tiny little light flittered around the room and then we knew we hadn't escaped," says Mickie.

The women stayed awake that night and called police in the morning. When the officers drove them back to their car, the scene had changed.

The highway guard railing was different, so were the road signs and the scenery. In a nearby field were the corpses of a cow and a sheep. The cow was a skeleton and the sheep's skin had been peeled off.

After police listened to the women's story, "they shrugged and told us we'd seen swamp gas," says Mickie.

Since the incident, the women's lives were altered dras-tically. Best friends for 17 years, they grew apart.

Karen, only 31, has been hospitalized "at least 20 times" since, says Mickie. And the women's habits also changed. Kathy who had been sloppy became ultra neat and Mickie says she's now the sloppy one.

"It's almost as if we've exchanged personality traits,'

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stretch of road in southern Wvocalled the "strangest UFO encounter ever." eminent UFO investigator young women turned into a errifying nightmare in what vith eyes like glowing coals. Timothy Green Beckley has nd even stranger visions of Driving along a clear, lonely res and a horrible black dog ng, the women were sudgen-confronted by sinister lights This case is bizarre because fun vacation for By RAFE KLINGER weird crea-UFO investigator John Herrera, who interviewed 2,000 UFO-related cases. sincerity was convinced of the victims tions of New York, saying he Beckley included the incident in his "UFO Review," published by Global Communicashapes in it," says Beckley, who there were 15 years has investigated the story is true. so many weird women for 12 hours on four sepone of the women at a privately UFOs have the ability to manip from this case that the pilots of arate occasions, heard where a UFO Beckley said: "It appears Beckley met and interviewed ape into another case I've ever is convinced tigators in the world. Mickie Eckert, an Anaheim, sponsored UFO conference in San Diego, Calif., attended by the terrifying journey she and her best friend, Kathy Echard, Calif., woman in her mid-20s, Were taken on in July 1978. The horrifying trip changed was seeking an explanation for the most prominent UFO inves-

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their car. The dog and The women jumped

on her face. came back with a stunned look "I was anxious to know what

Mickie turned and her heart leaped in her chest. There was a she had said," recalls Mickie. "Kathy looked me in the eye and said, "Turn around."

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