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Thousands of people across South Africa hold strong beliefs in witchcraft. Fear of being bewitched is rife, especially in rural areas.

When a loved one dies mysteriously or after a long illness, residents all too easily blame it on a suspected witch. Superstitious residents take it upon themselves to judge, then brutally execute those they accuse of witchcraft, giving them no chance to defend themselves.

Houses of the accused are set alight; those lucky enough to escape execution, flee into exile.

3rd Degree speaks to victims of witch hunts and investigates why these brutal slayings persists.