

Ebola

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Genre

Horror/Thriller

Logline

Terrorists embark on a bold plan to strike at the heart of Western civilization by weaponizing the outbreak of Ebola out of Western Africa.

Taglines

To challenge nature is to challenge death!

Nature's a Bitch!

Nature's a Bitch! And then you die!

Nature's a harsh mistress!

Never ignore the evil in men!

Synopsis

A small village in Liberia

Pulitzer winning journalist, **Kathy Summers** clashes with medical director **Dr. Carl Ranger** as she films a National Geographic documentary on the outbreak of Ebola in Western Africa.

Islam's dream of a permanent caliphate takes a setback as American bombing intensifies. Caliphate regional commander, **Imad Atwa**, erupts in rage at the American led coalition taking out the area's electrical network. A backup generator goes online just as Al Jazeera broadcasts the Ebola crisis live from West Africa. Inspired insight at the gruesome images, Imad Atwa cries in joy, "Allah enlightens!" A plan of death takes shape.

Civilization refutes Dr. Ranger's warnings that the Ebola plague is a world threat and a potent bio-terror weapon. Until, under the guise of medical support, America's coalition sends thousands of military personnel to West Africa to root out any potential terrorist's use of the contagion. But time is not on civilization's side.

Imad Atwa's ruthless second in command, **Mahmoud Al-Assad**, establishes a medical clinic in a remote Liberian village where a cadre of suicide jihadists administers to an endless stream of desperate villagers. They give a level of compassionate care others fear to put forward. American Jihadist, **Dr. Johnathan Azze**, tests for the onset of the infection. Even taking extreme safety precautions, Azze finds himself infected and undergoes a gruesome ordeal at the edge of death. Hallucinations into madness reveals an insight everyone has missed, the sarcoptic mange mite, a nearly invisible hitchhiking opportunistic parasite on stray village dogs is a vector for the disease. With his American passport and a mange infected guide dog, Azze passes through American customs unchallenged. As he studies these mites, he realizes they're potential to lethally disperse the Ebola contagion more effectively.

The incubation period allows the INFECTED men and women jihadist's to travel unhampered to the centers of civilization (New York, Los Angeles, London, Tokyo, Paris, Mexico City, etc). Symptomless, they pass every checkpoint protocol. From secured operation centers, the men mingle in nightclubs, concerts, amusement parks, theaters, etc. as the women spread out across the country hitching rides for sex at truck stops. As the jihadist's symptoms progress toward terminal, they return to base to infect their fellow comrades. On dying, their bodies are ground into an infectious liquid to be disseminated throughout the population.

As the public-health crisis swells, ignorance, fear and superstition take hold and civilization unravels as the most effective bio-terror weapon ever released sweeps across the world. Poor initial decisions of concealing the truth and disseminating lies about the infection have spawned a great deal of mistrust among the public. America's war coalition

disintegrates as civilization's attention shifts from confrontation against the caliphate to concerns about internal state security.

Civilization ramps up into a frantic hunt for the infected. Frightened immigrants from Mexico and Central America stream across America's porous southern border desperate for America's superior health care and rumors of an American Ebola vaccine.

Carl and Kathy clash on how to contain the infection, leading each into reflection on own beliefs and bringing them together. They realize their skills and insights complement one another. Concerned, when members of Kathy's camera crew, seemingly isolated from Ebola contact, fall to the infection, Carl realizes what his nemesis Azze already knows, that the mite can be a more deadly secondary source of infection. As a team, Carl and Kathy convince the world that a paradigm shift in thinking is needed to respond effectively to this pandemic. As Carl's handpicked team of Special Forces hunt down the trail of infection, Kathy uses her journalistic and psychological skills to help educate people against the growing fears about this deadly Ebola contagion.

In a final act to sever the life line feeding the contagion, Carl's assault team tracks Mahmoud Al-Assad back to Imad Atwa's stronghold to exact American justice on the terrorists.

Characters

Carl Ranger	– male, 30, Doctors without Borders – Red Cross, ex-special forces, protagonist
Kathy Summers	– female, 24, journalist, psychologist, Carl's love interest
Imad Atwa	– male, 38, Islamic terrorist regional leader
Mahmoud Al-Assad	– male, 28, second in command under Imad Atwa.
Dr. Johnathan Azze	– male, 30, microbiologist, American jihadist
Jimmy Akembo	– male, 45, Liberian Minister of Health
Colonel Jack Reynolds	– male, 50, US Military Adviser
Jessica	– female, 28, Medical Assistant
Alu	– female, 16, Liberian
Alu's Son	– male, 1, Liberian, Alu's son
Dr. Tom Frieden	– male,

Rough Outline

- Credits roll, a montage by medical, world and military leaders caught in a conspiracy of lies, deceptions, and ignorance. Each shown to be without truth or substance as Ebola spreads out, gaining a foothold across the world.
- Bopolu, Liberia - Carl Ranger walks across a field carrying a young black corpse
- He deposits it on a stack of dead bodies
- Kathy Summers with National Geographic interviews Carl and clashes with him
- F-22 raptors bomb the electric grid of ISIS headquarters
- ISIS soldiers rush into the dark basement, command center.
- Wailing of women and dying in the rubble above frightens the men.
- Generator comes alive. An angry regional ISIS commander, Imad Atwa startled as the TV screen blasts a woman wailing on showing Aljazeera with National Geographic special on Ebola.
- Imad has a revelation from Allah. A plan of death is formed.
- A medical assistant, JESSICA, steps outside the Red Cross Tent and discovers a Liberian woman, ALU, and her small child. Jessica brings the ALU inside where Carl learns the Liberian Minister of Health, AYO FARAJI, has a more permanent solution to Ebola.
- Carl administers to patients as the Liberian Minister of Health, Ayo Faraji drives up in Royals Royce and he has his mercenaries try to kill Carl for interfering with the Minister's business of shaking down the natives.
- Carl overpowers several mercenaries and jumps behind Faraji's Rolls. His rifle is empty.
- Armed mercenaries close in on Carl.
- Colonel Jack Reynolds arrives. US soldiers saves Carl and slaughters the mercenaries. They apprehend the Health Minister and find the minister is infected with Ebola.
- The Colonel and Carl know each other from the service.

- Kathy lands at Kennedy Airport and meets with CDC head Dr. Frieden where they talk about how Ebola is just a regional West African problem. They talk about restricting flights from West Africa. They talk about sending troops to the infected area. Kathy goes nuts and says they need more health care professionals not more troops.
- Colonel Reynolds and several soldiers show up at a village.
- Carl notices the number of infected coming for help decreasing
- Small remote village in Liberia a group of doctors show up and **Mahmoud Al-Assad** sets up medical facilities
- Kathy sees Ebola victims coming from other countries besides West Africa
- US military personal fail to take precautions and the military preempts resources.
- In the remote village the victims are treated with much compassion and personal care.
- In a hazmat suit, **Dr. Johnathan Azze** in a separate tent conducts tests on members of the medical staff. Dogs roam free.
- Kathy and her film crew comes back to Carl's village Bopolu to convince Carl and the Red Cross to try to get more doctors
- Dr. Azze approaches his tent as a mangy dog steps out and pees on the tent flap. Dr. Azze shoos it away but it only goes a few feet into the shade and lays down and starts scratching
- A cadre of US soldiers enters the Zean Town. They finally realize that these are terrorists. Mahmoud Al-Assad kills them.
- Mahmoud Al-Assad figures out the itinerary showing their village Zean Town of the soldiers and with his security team they take the bodies to another village Boe Geewon.
- He checks off his village rides with several Jihadists and hands out Egyptian passports
- On the plane a dozen Egyptian's pass around a bottle of isobutene
- At Kennedy airport clean shaven young men and women, students disembark. In customs a FLIR handheld infrared thermometer records temperatures of the people going through customs

Background - Why This Movie Idea Might Get Made

- Weekly, the various cable/tv networks need new movies to fill their time slots. (i.e., SciFi channel, Lifetime, Hallmark, etc.)
- This year the SciFi channel showed a movie that captured the viewer's imagination 'Sharknado', a campy movie that caught fire and even was released in the theaters because of its popularity. They quickly made a sequel, 'Sharknado 2'.
- What resonates in the news should resonate as a compelling movie.
- Controversy of terrorism and an epidemic that threatens civilization should bring a lot of publicity and capture the viewer's imagination.

Concept Background

Thinking out of the box! Before 9/11, who would conceive of terrorists commandeering passenger jets with simple box cutters and flying them into buildings. Non-sense! Air marshals, locked pilot areas, airport screenings, contingency against the unthinkable. A new paradigm!

Today, there's little incentive for securing the borders, proactively stopping terrorists from commandeering lethal biological agents, or developing effective methods for controlling the psychological/financial/social/medical effects if a deadly biological agent was disseminated into North America, Europe, or Asia. What will be the next 9/11 moment. *Perhaps what follows...*

Movie Concept

- Islamic fanatics, threatened with extinction, push back.
- Not by suicide bombards (limited effectiveness).
- Suicide applicants penetrate West Africa, on the pretense of helping Ebola victims.
- Intentionally infecting themselves with Ebola haemorrhagic fever (Ebola - Symptoms often include intense pain, diarrhea, nausea, feeling ill and at times, internal and external bleeding. Within the second week of infection the fever will either lessen or the patient will begin to experience multiple organ failure. A high mortality rate ranging from between 50% to 90%. Infected persons usually die from either organ failure or hypovolemic shock within 2

weeks of developing symptoms. If they live, a cured person can become re-infected if coming in contact with the virus again)

- Infected fanatics leave West Africa and then fly to large densely populated cities around the globe (New York, London, Tokyo, Mexico City, Los Angeles, Cairo, Seoul, Shanghai, Beijing, Delhi, Hong Kong, Singapore, Paris, etc.)
- Because of the incubation rate (time from infection to manifesting symptoms) of 2 to 21 days and with a 2 week window of infecting others after the incubation period. Non-infected suicide fanatics would join the infected individuals to actively prolong the spread of the infection.
- Because none of the infected would go to the hospital, it would be difficult for any health organization to track down the patient zeros or the chain of infection.
- Male infected fanatics would interact with the general public. Female infected fanatics would go to truck stops across the country and have sex with as many truck drivers as possible.
- Infected victims and those thinking they may be infected from Mexico, Central, and South America would swarm the US border looking for free Emergency Room treatment.
- After total chaos, the US really secures the borders.
- In the news, there is talk of the US sending 3,000 US troops to West Africa to help control the virus. What if their real purpose is to make sure no terrorists groups use the epidemic as a terrorist weapon? If this is not their purpose, it should be.
- Our Hero/Hero's will warn against the possibility stated above (and be ignored). After the fact they will hunt down the trail of the infected and kill the terrorists.
- A new paradigm will have been created.

Useful Purpose of Movie

- Make the public aware of the potential threat
- Enact measures dealing with the potential threat discussed above.
- If this scenario actually occurs and no one has pointed out this scenario and the solutions, it would seem criminal.
- After seeing this movie, the public will be more cautious and vigilant in circumstances depicted in the movie. They will respond faster to this danger.

Why This Might Be a Hit

- People resonate to personal fear
- Integrating current events makes the story more immediate and compelling
- People love conspiracies

(Patient Zero - little boy)

(Carl reviews videos and sees kid at airport with the group of people)

(Tracks down Mahmoud with his credit card)

(Car picks up first terrorist woman dying at truck stop - they come back expecting to be helped but Dr. Azze kills them with an injection)

(grid up the dead into a liquid they spray in theater seats)

(Mahmoud here's that Kathy will be giving a live interview)

(He sends a team to follow her to her place to kill her. Carl's there and kills the terrorists)

(Dr. Azze does research on the dog mites and succeeds in understanding the infection cycle)

(different safe houses are attacked simultaneously by Carl and homeland security)

(Dr. Azze escapes with his dog)

(Cross reference all the cities with outbreaks and any traveler that has gone to these cities)

(Mahmoud with Turkish passport leaves the country)

(An agent puts a tracking device on Mahmoud)

(Satellite follows him across the Turkish border into Syria)

(Carl and a team of NAVY SEALS land in the compound in Raqqa and kill Mahmoud and Imad but there's a warning that they haven't won)

(New York city dozens then hundreds of new infected)
(Azze continues to do research)
(Carl argues with Kathy about not informing public)
(Carl and Kathy make love)
(Person coming back dying-put to sleep and ground into liquid)
(Kidnap Male to stop the operation)
(More women at truck stops - picked up by police - sex with them)
(Kathy is followed but not caught)
(Kathy convinces the public to send more medical staff to Africa)
(Kathy is kidnapped)
(Kathy is put in a container and shipped to Turkey)
(Carl believes Kathy is dead)
(Carl's follows Mahmoud who kills a number of his men and escapes)
(Carl gets information off of Mahmoud's phone)
(Interpol and FBI close down operations)
(Dr. Azze matters mite production)
(Carl takes his team to Raqqa and hunts down Mahmoud and Imad)
(Carl rescues Kathy)



















