

# Act 1 Scene 1: Drug Bust

**Setting:** Private residence, Roanoke, Virginia

**Scenario:** A private residence is being raided by the DEA and FBI. The drug bust was intended to capture a figure in the Russian mafia, but instead an up-and-coming politician is present. The two biochemists from the local university likely responsible for the batch of designer drugs involved are in way over their heads.

# Act 1 Scene 1: AA Meeting

A disused, windowless conference room in the basement of Cannon House Office Building. The room is dimly lit, most of the fluorescent bulbs having died and not been replaced due to neglect. The crowd that comes here every night at 5:30 PM likes it that way.

Some people would have their careers destroyed by the revelation that they were addicts of one sort or another. Many of these people work in D.C.: elected officials, high-ranked military officers, high-level bureaucrats. There are very hush-hush AA meetings for this crowd and tonight is one of those meetings.

# Act 1 Scene 1: State Department Drill

**ALERT. ALERT. PLEASE PROCEED TO DESIGNATED LOCATIONS. ALERT.**

The lights shut off about an hour ago, you think. Almost immediately, the klaxons started and the red emergency beacons came on. At 2201 C Street - headquarters of the US Department of State - they take situations like this very seriously.

Conference Room 025 is designated as one of the shelters, and the five of you managed to make your way in here before the automatic magnetic lock sealed the way in or out. Now, by the light of halogen emergency floods, you sit in wait for further instructions.

# Act 1 Scene 2: Summit Talks

**Setting:** United Nations-sponsored international conference on science and international affairs, New York, USA

**Scenario:** The United Nations sponsors an annual international conference dealing with science and international affairs involving major world powers. This year, a private discussion has been convened in haste to discuss unexpected rumors at the start of the conference of the United States contravening international law in the development of new biological weapons.

## **Act 1 Scene 2: Senate Testimony**

Dr. Yu has been called to testify in front of a Senate subcommittee about the controversial autism research being done in the Yu lab. A child in the project has died and Dr. Yu has been accused of medical malpractice, including experimenting on Roger Yu, Dr. Yu's son. Due to Pentagon involvement in the research, Dr. Yu was able to appeal these concerns all the way to the Senate. However, if the Senate hearing goes poorly, it could be the end of Dr. Yu's career.

## **Act 1 Scene 2: Bio Lab Construction**

**Setting:** Construction site of a biological research facility at George Washington University, Washington, D.C.

**Scenario:** Due to cost overruns, construction has been temporarily halted on a level 4 biological research facility for new and emerging threats. Two members of the House of Representatives are on a fact-finding mission to determine whether or not to authorize additional federal funding. The lead scientist on the project, a representative from the CDC, and a representative from the Pentagon are also present to discuss their views on the project.

## **Act 1 Scene 3: Military Tribunal**

Lieutenant Lucas Hayward was an up-and-coming young soldier with an excellent service record and a bright future. It seemed that his career was going places when he was selected to serve on a top-secret military research project. His parents, the prominent citizens Governor Jillian Alastair of Louisiana and Dr. Jackson Hayward of Louisiana State University, were shocked to learn of their son's sudden death during his service, despite his non-combat assignment on American soil. They were told that due to an abnormality in the lieutenant's immune system, he had a strange reaction to some of the chemicals used in the laboratory environment that proved to be fatal. Because of the project's confidential nature, the parents have been told very little about the circumstances of their son's death, but they are unsatisfied. They have just enough clout with the military establishment to arrange to speak to some of the project leaders, lead researcher Dr. Solan and business director Manager Edwards, who have been sent to meet with them and address their questions as best they can given the restrictions they are under.

## **Act 1 Scene 3: Arms Deal Scandal**

Accusations have been flying about the alleged sale of classified bioweapons technology to Israel. The public is questioning not just national security, but the necessity and benefit of such hazardous research. The president has gathered together top officials to get to the bottom of these allegations and decide what action to take. Action must be taken soon, both for national security, and because the election is coming up in two months.

## **Act 1 Scene 3: Parent-Teacher Conference**

Kevin Peterson is an autistic fifth grade student at Auburndale Elementary. Up to this point he has been part of the mainstream class system. However, recently the symptoms of his condition appear to be worsening, making him more disruptive and more difficult for his teacher Ms. Waters to handle. School Principal Harwood has called in Kevin's mother and father Lilah and Mark Peterson for a parent-teacher conference to discuss what must be done about the situation. The Petersons were expecting to meet with Principal Harwood and Ms. Waters, but not the unknown official-looking person in the suit who is also in attendance.

## **Act 2 Scene 1: Early Tests (B)**

Setting: Anniston Army Depot, Alabama

Project Resonance is well under way and preliminary tests on autistic subjects have gone well. The military has been pressuring scientists to test out the riot control applications. The scientists have protested that the anti-virals no longer seem to be completely effective. However, funding is at stake, with the military having threatened to withdraw funding if testing is not done soon.

As these arguments are being conducted, a water riot breaks out in Alabama following a several month drought. Military personnel have rounded up scientists, some of them against their will, and brought them to the Anniston Army Depot in Alabama. Here they are conducting debates about whether to use the virus. The governor of Alabama has joined them, trying to convince them to do something to stop the riots. Meanwhile, the riots are getting worse across the state and people are dying.

## **Act 2 Scene 1: Secret Briefing (A)**

Setting: The Pentagon, 3AM.

Scenario: In the wee hours of the morning, the highest-ranking officials in charge of Project Resonance received a grave phone call. Information is being strictly contained, but it is known that something has gone very wrong. The situation is serious enough that President Carroll has called an immediate meeting with the officials for debriefing and counsel. The meeting includes the vice president, a four-star general, the Secretary of Defense, the director of the NSA, and two of the lead researchers on the project. Based on this, the president must then decide how to proceed. Among these powerful people is one Corporal Breckinridge, a young officer assigned to security detail at the Resonance lab, who has been brought in for questioning on the matter.

## **Act 2 Scene 2: Presidential Debate (A)**

President Carroll, running for re-election is debating opponents Speaker of the House Lancing and General Waters. After the recent scandals, the moderator is expected to ask detailed questions about the candidates' stances on the Resonance Project. This is an open format debate, and questions may come from the press on the floor as well.

## **Act 2 Scene 2: Doomsday Cult Standoff (B)**

An open field half a mile from Highway 308 near Bearcreek, Montana. Tents surround a wood-paneled van, and the remains of a campfire are still visible.

This is the "headquarters" of an alien doomsday cult run by the Rev. Dr. Morrow. Black vans have descended, and a standoff is in progress.

## **Act 2 Scene 3: The Vault is Not Enough**

The world is ending, at least as everyone knows it. With the Resonance Virus running rampant among the population and having developed an immunity to earlier cures, an assortment of the elite and those who happened to be near them at the time have been herded into bunkers across the nation. At one such bunker, scientists who were involved in the Resonance Project have been working around the clock on a new cure. As the hospital ward in the underground bunker is sealed, all anyone can pray for is that they will be among those who survive this apocalypse.