

REAPER'S DISEASE

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FADE IN:

INT. AIRPLANE - DAY

The aircraft is full of passengers, with all seats occupied.

Cloudy skies are visible through the windows.

A man named DAVIS seated at the middle section of the plane next to the aisle, reaches into his shirt pocket and retrieves a small bottle of hand sanitizer.

He pops the lid, and turns the bottle upside down. The sanitizing gel pours out of the nozzle onto his hand.

The bottle is now empty, and he squeezes it in his fist. When he opens his hand the bottle is nowhere to be seen.

Davis rubs the sanitizer all over his hands, then his neck and face, until it soaks in to his skin.

Davis presses the service button on his armrest.

Seconds later, a STEWARD makes his way over to Davis.

STEWARD

Let me guess. More hand sanitizer?

DAVIS

I'm sorry to be a bother.

STEWARD

I'm sorry sir, my supervisor has informed me not to supply you with anymore potentially hazardous materials.

DAVIS

What about my condition?

STEWARD

I'm aware of your germophobia. Though we cannot risk the safety of our valued flyers for the comfort of just one of our clients. We've lost count on how many bottles already given to you. I'm sure your hands, and the rest of your body, will remain clean for the remainder of the flight, sir.

DAVIS

I understand.

Davis waits for the steward to walk back to his post, then he gets up from his seat and enters the lavatory.

He removes his left eye, which is a fake.

He twists it open. Inside the eye is a small cardboard match and striking strip.

He exits the restroom, and stands at the end of the aisle.

He ignites the match in his one hand, and fire engulfs him.

Many scream out in terror, while others get up out of their seats and try to put out the flames.

Those who were quick to act manage to extinguish the fire in less than ten seconds.

One of the volunteer firefighters, a man named CARL, reaches his hand for the burn victim's wrist. He cannot feel a pulse.

CARL

We're all going to die.

A loud alarm goes off inside the plane every two seconds, and bright white lights flash from the roof.

FADE OUT.