

Virus
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INT. HAND SANITIZER FACTORY - DAY

SUPER: THREE MONTHS AGO

A MYSTERIOUS MAN dressed in white overalls and a mask uses a walkway over various large vats of chemicals churn.

He unlocks a small metal case and takes out a vial.

He looks down upon the vat and pours in the clear liquid.

INT. AIRPORT LOUNGE - DAY

SUPER: PRESENT DAY

ZNN news is on the large flat screen.

NEWSREADER

An unknown virus is spreading rapidly across the nation. According to the CDC. This virus is unlike anything they have seen before. What visual clues we know of are red circular rashes, coughing fits and lumps of hair fall out. The CDC believe it's an airborne virus that spreads through coughing and touch. Advice from the CDC to prevent catching this virus, recommends to always clean your hands and to stay inside. And to limit your exposure to crowded areas.

A FAMILY of FOUR watch the news.

BETTY, 30, dressed for summer in a flowery outfit. She grabs her handbag and stands up.

DAN, 29, wears shorts and a tshirt. Sits between FRANK, 5, and CHARLOTTE, 4, who both imitate their parents' clothing.

BETTY

Look after the children and bags. I'm off to the shop.

INT. AIRPLANE, ECONOMY CLASS - DAY

Frank and Charlotte sit together whilst their parents sit on either side.

Betty takes out hand sanitizer from her shopping bag and applies it to her hands and arms.

She holds the hand sanitizer, ready to give to Frank.

BETTY
Frankie, hold your hand out.

Frank's too busy to look. Distracted by his computer game.

BETTY
Frankie. Your hand. Now.

He holds out a hand. His eyes never leave the screen. Betty squirts a small amount.

BETTY
Charlie, now you.

Charlotte stops reading her book. Betty squirts again.

BETTY
Give this to your daddy.

Charlotte takes it and passes it.

DAN
How long's the flight?

BETTY
Five hours.

Dan reclines the chair.

DAN
God. I'm getting some shut eye. I hate long flights.

DENISE, flight attendant, pushes her trolley slowly down the aisle in preparation for the evening meal.

She glances from side to side and notices a rash on a little GIRL's arm. Another rash on a MAN's face. And another on a WOMAN's hand.

Various people cough.

LARRY, 44, sits on an aisle seat, has a coughing fit.

She pours a glass of water and offers it to him along with a tissue.

LARRY

Thank you.

He coughs onto the tissue and sees blood.

LARRY

What's happening to me?

Denise continues to push the trolley.

TANYA, 21, long straight blonde hair, scratches her head. A lump of hair falls out.

TANYA

Oh my god! What the fuck?

Denise takes out her phone and pushes the trolley with one hand, brings up the news.

HEADLINE: UNKNOWN VIRUS SPREADING ACROSS THE NATION

INT. AIRPLANE, FIRST CLASS

Denise knocks on the cockpit door. CAPTAIN O'NEILL opens.

Denise hands him two different meals.

CAPTAIN O'NEILL

Thanks Denise.

DENISE

I think that virus is on the plane.

CAPTAIN O'NEILL

What virus?

Denise shows him her phone. He grabs it and reads the article.

CAPTAIN O'NEILL

You sure this is it?

DENISE

There's a lot of coughing, and one girl's hair has started to fall out.

He returns the phone.

CAPTAIN O'NEILL
We'll keep this door locked until
we land.

INT. AIRPLANE, ECONOMY CLASS

An hour into the flight Betty notices a red circular rash on Frank's arm.

She grabs his arm and examines all of his exposed skin.

BETTY
When did this rash appear?

Frank looks at it with surprise. Shrugs.

FRANK
Mmm I don' know.

BETTY
Charlie, wake your daddy up.

Charlotte bashes and shakes her father.

DAN
What's going on?

BETTY
Look at your son's arm. He's got
that rash...

A lady screams in the background.

MARIA, 25, wears a sleeveless dress, stands up and holds her shoulder.

MARIA
You bastard. You bit me.

JIM, 49, eyes glazed over, tries to grab her but is restrained by the seat belt.

Jim turns his attention to MANDY, 29, who sits on his other side.

She panics and SCREAMS and tries to push him away.

MANDY
Help me!

INT. AIRPLANE, FIRST CLASS

The Co-Pilot looks through the peephole. The PASSENGERS bite each other.

A build up of SCREAMS all of the plane.

Denise knocks on the door.

DENISE

Let me in!

Her colleague JOSE, 33, has changed. He lunges at her and bites her neck.

INT. AIRPLANE, COCKPIT

CAPTAIN O'NEILL

...we're requesting to land, over.

VOICE (V.O.)

Negative. You are not cleared to land.

Before the speaker cuts off, a loud GROWL is heard. The MAN screams.

The Captain and Co-Pilot look at each other.

CO-PILOT

What do we do?

CAPTAIN O'NEILL

We're landing.

INT. AIRPLANE, COCKPIT - NIGHT

The plane's at a standstill on the runway.

The Co-Pilot holds a metal bar, peers through the peephole. The Passengers are quiet. Standing still. Staring.

CO-PILOT

Let's go.

He slowly turns the door handle. It clicks. The Passengers quickly look up. They run for the door and bash into it.

The Co-Pilot and Captain look at each other with a despondent look.