

STRAIN II: THE PANDEMIC

A TREATMENT FOR A MOTION PICTURE SCREENPLAY

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Music. Camera ZOOMs in to a tadpole swimming placidly through a river. The tadpole is then eaten by a fish, the fish is then eaten by a raccoon, the raccoon is eaten by a wolf, the wolf then runs to the top of a mountain where it howls. A giant shadow looms over the wolf and behind it stands a giant 14-foot tall creature which looks like a bear mixed with an elk but it is bald and deformed with red muscular skin. It roars at the wolf and goes to strike it with its giant claws but a bear comes up from behind it and roars at the beast. The beast claws the bear in the face spraying blood all over the wolf, as the wolf moves its head to the right and is sprayed with blood. Dr. Reagan Durso is then seen being sprayed with blood moving his head to the right.

REST AREA OUTSIDE OF JACKSONVILLE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, FL

After Reagan and his crew gun down a couple of olers that were coming through the back door, he goes back to the phone to talk to Colonel Dougherty who is still on the line thinking he had heard the bloody end of Reagan Durso. After Reagan assures him he is alive, the relieved Colonel gives Reagan orders. He is told to get to Atlanta to a conference that will form a group from some highly recommended biologists, botanists, and scientists to create research protocols to eradicate Aeolus from Earth completely. Reagan asks if Art and his family could go with him and the Colonel tells him that it's okay. Reagan thanks the Colonel. Reagan rushes to the counter where his rifle is sitting, grabs his rifle and heads outside looking for Art.

When Reagan gets outside, there are about a dozen people defending the rest stop where there are many children and wounded people. They are using guns and anything they can find to fend off the beasts. Reagan heads up the road looking for Art so that he can tell him that he finally got word from the Colonel. Once he sees Art on one of the billboard towers he waves for him to come down. Art yells at him and tells him to run. Reagan sees gnawlers running towards him. Just before the gnawlers leap onto Reagan, Art takes both gnawlers out with his sniper rifle. Reagan climbs up to let Art know that he and his family are allowed to fly out to Atlanta and then Washington with him. Art declines and tells him that he can't leave his home. Art tells

Reagan that he will help him get to the airport. Art, Reagan, and the others begin to climb down the ladder. Suddenly they hear a loud explosion and crash down the road, then hear a very loud, deep moan. They see a car thrown into the trees and a RED walking up ahead, fighting gnawlers that are trying to cling onto it. The giant malicious beast roars at the top of its lungs. Reagan, Art, and some others make a run for the rest area. The Red spots them and begins stomping quickly after them, crushing cars and gnawlers on the way. The guys are screaming for everybody to find Don who is the owner of the bus outside the rest stop. Don comes hobbling around the corner of the building, bleeding from his nose and mouth. He is about to fall but Art quickly catches him. He tells Art that he's in no shape to drive. Art starts screaming, asking if anyone knows how to drive a bus. Reagan speaks up telling Art that his father worked on trucks. He tells him that he learned to drive diesel trucks at a young age. Reagan and Art help Don onto the bus and call for everyone else to board immediately. Once everyone is on the bus, Reagan takes off out of the rest stop parking lot as Art and others unload multiple rounds on the Red, slowing it down a bit. Reagan gets to a blockade of burning and overturned cars. Don tells Reagan to turn back around and head to the old police route that leads off of the highway. Reagan turns the bus around and heads back towards the Red. Art can't believe what Reagan is about to do. Reagan floors the gas pedal and people hold on while screaming. Art tells some men in his group to open fire at the Red. Reagan heads right for the Red. Just as they get to the Red, Reagan makes a sharp cut to the left as the beast tries ramming the bus, but misses. Art fires at its head as Reagan drives by aggravating it even more. The Red catches up to the bus and starts knocking it hard with its shoulder. Reagan tells Art to take control of the bus. Reagan heads to the back to get his rifle. Art lets the beast catch up to the bus then quickly jolts the bus against the side of the bridge squashing the Red. Just as Art comes to the opening after the bridge, the beast lunges at the bus and digs its claws into the top of the bus. Art stops the bus as the beast grabs a man and pulls him out of the bus and throws him several yards away. Reagan grabs his gun, kicks out the fire escape door in the back of the bus. Just as the beast is about to reach into the bus, Reagan points the rifle at its eye and fires, unloading an entire clip into its head. The giant Red loses its footing and falls off the side of the bus, peeling back the steel roof with its claws. Art puts the bus in gear and burns out in the beast's face as it tries to

get up. Everybody claps and shouts for joy. The beast gets up and starts after the bus again, Art turns the corner and floors it to an old gate off the side of the highway up ahead. Reagan tells Art to bust through it. They head down the dirt road which leads them to the back of the Jacksonville International Airport. Art stops the bus at a gate where military personnel are standing and pointing their rifles at them. An SUV pulls up behind the bus. Men get out with their rifles pointed at the bus. One of the security guards at the gate asks them to step out of the vehicle slowly and identify themselves. Reagan identifies himself and the others and gives the guard his credentials. The guards make sure everybody is off the bus, then SUV's shuttle the passengers over to one of the hangers where Reagan will be boarding his flight. Reagan reaffirms with the airport officer that Art and his family will be taken care of. Reagan, Art, and the others laugh and carry on about being saved from the Red as they are taken over to the hanger. When they arrive at the hanger, an airport guard points at Reagan to tell him to come with him. Reagan asks about his friends coming with him to see him off and the head officer in charge allows Art and his family but no one else. Reagan and Art's family head over to the plane where they are dropped off. One of the guards notices that Art's wife has a cut on her arm from the glass when the beast busted through the bus window. Reagan says goodbye to Art and his family. Reagan promises to come back and see Art and his boys sometime. Art's wife hugs Reagan and thanks him for saving them from the Red. The guards come over and pull her off of Reagan. They escort Reagan onto the plane and Art watches as he boards. As Reagan gets comfortable in his seat by the window he waves at Art's sons. He notices back towards the hanger where they were, shots being fired into the SUV's where the survivors were from the bus. Panicked, Reagan starts to breathe faster, he then notices a guard walking up to him with a rifle in his hand. He asks what's going on. The guard tells him that Art's wife has been contaminated. Reagan panics even more and sees two guards shoot down Art and his entire family. Reagan freaks out at the guards. He understands that she may have been infected but this is just too damn much. Reagan sits back down and is overcome with anger and tears for his friends as the plane lifts off. He sees explosions, fire, smoke, and chaos in the cities as the plane flies to Atlanta. The sky is red and misty as the sun begins to set.

Reagan arrives in Atlanta and as he's walking off the plane an agent grabs his wrist and expresses that he's a huge fan of Reagan's work. Reagan thanks the agent and the agent escorts Reagan to a military Humvee. The agent tells Reagan that the officers will be escorting him to a hotel where the meeting of the scientific and technical VIPs from around the area will be held. There, Reagan hopes to find what he's been looking for, a cure for the bacteria. Reagan enters the Humvee and hears loud rock music playing. He looks across from him and sees a man and woman. Reagan smiles and tells them he likes the song that's playing and they both stare blankly at him. The Humvee heads out of the airport driving around burning cars as the gunner uses a mounted .50 caliber gun to take out gnawlers and olers around them. The driver and gunner shout to one another and laugh as if they've done this before. They are clearly having a great time.

Not far from Reagan, in Gainesville, Mace and Christian lead their group closer to the college along Route 23 in the tunnel beneath the surface. The other four, Sean, Michelle, Chelsea, and Dylan walk behind them, looking determined to get where they are going. Michelle looks scared. Mace notices a sewer grate opened above him and hears gunshots and screams. He looks at his map and notices that they are about halfway to the college. Mace looks at Chris and points to the open grate above. They hear splashing coming from around the corner up ahead. The red emergency exit lamp shines on the wall displaying shadows of creatures the size of cats, there are about two dozen of them. The shadows are getting smaller and the rats turn the corner, they are the size of cats with giant teeth and are crawling on the walls and ceilings, they have been contaminated by Aeolus. Mace begins to back up and looks at Christian. He tells Christian to head up to the surface. Everyone heads back to the open grate but just before they get there they see a large black figure fall from the streets above making a huge splash in the water. Sean shines a light on the water where it fell in and the half alligator half man beast transforms into a lizard-like gnawler. Shocked, the group stands there and watches as the beast transforms into a much larger creature. Mace snaps everybody out of it and tells them to follow him towards where they saw the rats coming at them. The beast chases after them but Christian fires a few rounds into its head sending it back down into the water for a little bit. The group gets up onto the ledge beside the rats and jogs around them and away from the beast. A

mutated rat jumps up and bites Dylan's leg. Mace runs over, stabs the rat, and pulls it off of Dylan. He helps Dylan up and they keep moving. Chelsea kills a few rats that almost end up killing her. Mace spots an opening in the sewer up ahead. The group quickly runs to the opening and head up the hill to a parking lot where they see a couple cars and an elementary school.

Mace tells everyone to follow him into the school to get food and water. He tells them that there may even be survivors. Christian sees a van in the parking lot and tells Mace that they could use that. Mace tries to get everyone to go with him and ignore the van but Chelsea and Sean insist on using the van. Mace and Christian split up while Mace goes to the front entrance of the school and Christian tries to get into the van. He uses the butt of his rifle to break the glass to the back door. Christian realizes he needs to go into the school to get the keys. Chelsea, Sean, and Dylan stay in the van to make sure no one else takes it because it's the only car in the parking lot big enough to carry the group of six. Chelsea kisses Christian and tells him that he better come back to her, he promises he will.

He runs to the front of the building to catch up with Mace and Michelle. Michelle is grossed out by the dead and decaying bodies lying on the floors. There is blood everywhere from the half-eaten bodies. The three split up into different rooms looking for survivors, food, and water. While Christian is in the science room he hears a scream coming from somewhere distant. He walks out of the classroom and sees Michelle and Mace staring at the stairwell that goes downstairs to the gym area. Mace looks at Christian and says, "After you." Christian laughs and the three head downstairs. When they get down there they see a trail of blood leading into the pool area. They hear splashing in the pool and loud thumps. Mace tells his brother he doesn't think those sounds are human at all. Mace asks Christian if he's got the keys to the van and Christian tells him that he's looking for the keys. Mace sighs and tells him good luck as if he's got very little faith in finding them. Just as Mace goes to open the door to the pool, a giant nine-foot tall oler bursts through the doors knocking Mace back into the wall rendering him momentarily unconscious.

Christian goes to fire at the beast but his gun jams up. Michelle is knocked onto the floor from the door hitting her in the head, her nose and mouth are bleeding. She screams for Mace to

wake up. Christian yells for Mace to help him, the beast then backhands Christian down the hallway. The oler starts walking towards Mace, Christian gets up and runs over to Mace, picks up his ax off the floor and swings it into the oler's knee. The beast moans and looks at Christian, Christian pulls the ax out of its knee and swings it even harder into the beast's shoulder. The oler goes down on one knee, then grabs the ax and snaps it in half. Michelle screams for Christian, he quickly goes behind the beast and picks up Michelle, then puts her down around the corner. She tells him that Mace isn't waking up. Christian loosens the jam in his gun and tells her that he's got this. Christian walks up to the beast which is about to grab Mace and empties an entire clip into its head. The beast falls to its knees and loses its balance but still goes to claw at Mace. Christian screams "Mace wake up!" As Mace awakes he sees the beast about to claw him. Suddenly a spear is thrown into the oler's back coming out its stomach. It screams in pain as Mace scoots away towards Christian. The oler pulls out the spear and goes to grab for Mace again. Another spear is thrown directly into the back of the oler's neck coming out the front. The beast gargles on its own blood as it tries to growl. Christian runs over to Mace and helps pull him away from the beast. He fires a few more shots into the beast's head. Christian helps Mace up and they see two guys standing over by the pool. Christian and Mace run over to the guys and introduce themselves. They thank them and the teachers tell them that they lost one of their best friends to that creature.

Dylan, out in the van, sees olers heading towards them and the alligator oler that was after them crawls up the hill and into the back of the school. He tells Sean and Chelsea to stay in the van and stay down. Dylan gets out of the van and runs as fast as he can after the oler. The beast bursts through the doors and heads straight for the teachers. Now faced with two beasts, the teachers, Mace, and Christian battle to destroy the beasts before it transforms into something much worse. Matthew, one of the teachers, is found being eaten alive by a giant beast standing over him. The other teacher, Nathan, tells them to get to the van as he meets a similar fate. The three of them run out of the building with the giant Red right on their tail. The group hops into the van and Christian floors it out of the parking lot, the Red slows down and walks into the woods as they speed off. Dylan asks Christian how far they are from his mom's university, he

tells him about ten miles. They drive off onto the road watching all the havoc going on in the streets.

Gary and Alex are standing alone in the library at the University on the second floor looking outside the window as more and more olers begin to attack the college and climb to the roof trying to get in. Gary is holding Alex as tears fall down her face. They are both worried about their kids making it to them. Gary knows they will make it. Suddenly they hear a loud crash from downstairs, olers have broken through the glass. They look outside and an oler crashes right through the window next to them. Gary unloads a couple shots into the oler's leg dropping it to the ground. They both run out of the room and to the elevator as the oler gets up and chases them. The oler catches up to the door and smashes into it just as it closes. They take the elevator to the basement. There they meet Bern, who nearly kills them as the elevator door opens, but who helps them battle past the olers and find a way to safely get to the roof of the building. The sun is going down and night is coming so the three act quickly to find cover on part of the school roof around back and hide out as best they can until Mace, Christian arrive.

Reagan is sitting inside the military Humvee with two others as the driver races across the highway dodging olers, gnawlers, burning vehicles and running over dead bodies. The gunner above them is taking out large winged creatures following them. The gunner saves some people by shooting olers about to attack them. The gun is very loud and the three inside are holding on for dear life. Reagan talks to the two and finds out that they are both very important people that are just heading home to their families. As the Humvee pulls into a neighborhood, Reagan notices a semi-truck barreling down the road towards the Humvee. He braces for impact and the semi-truck slams into the side of the Humvee, flipping it a couple times as it eventually lands on its side. Everyone except for Reagan and the gunner are killed on impact. Reagan is then confronted by a man named Victor who claims that he is part of a resistance. When he finds out Reagan's intentions, he pledges to help Reagan get to the Hotel in Sandy Springs. Once Reagan gets to the hotel, he sleeps and awaits the Colonel's call for his next orders.

As Christian drives Mace and the others into the small college town, they start looking for their parents. Christian dodges a few olers, and heads into the college's parking lot. They get out of

the van and Christian tells Mace and the others to follow him as he heads around the back of the campus to the main building. They hear gunshots and see smoke coming from the kitchen area. As they make their way around to the front of the building they see their parents on the roof firing at the beasts trying to get into the college. Mace calls for his mom and Alex turns around and lights up with joy. She grabs Gary and points to Mace and Christian. The six kids climb a tree next to the building and get on top of the roof below their parents. Gary and Alex help the kids onto the next roof.

Gary updates Mace and Christian on the situation at hand. He tells them that he's got to get to Atlanta as soon as possible. Mace tells his dad that he's got a formula that destroys the infection immediately and kills the alien bacteria. He tells his dad the entire plan about manufacturing penicillin into a gas form and using his dad's cattle spray technology to control the infection. Gary is floored and would like to see the prototype in action. Gary tells Mace that his friend, Dr. Ken Freemar is meeting tomorrow at the government conference center with a collection of biologists and other scientists to discuss matters to resolve these problems as soon as humanly possible. Gary tells Mace and Christian that they have to go with him to explain the effects on the bacteria. Christian tells his dad that not everybody can fit into the van. Gary asks Bern if he's got a vehicle they could use. Bern tells Gary that there's a campus truck behind the cafeteria. He tells them that it's going to be tough to get to it since the cafeteria is infested with olers.

Gary, Bern, and Christian figure out a way to get to a truck they will use to drive everyone safely to the airport. As they go to retrieve the truck, Bern gets infected and turns into an oler before he can be saved. Mace, Michelle and Alex get in the maintenance truck with Gary as he heads out onto the road toward Atlanta and the Government Conference Center. Christian, Dylan, and Chelsea follow them as they dodge burning cars and beasts along the streets.

Back at the hotel, Reagan wakes up to gunshots outside and an explosion. He runs to the window and sees that there are additional military vehicles and men keeping people from getting near the hotel. Behind the group of people there are gnawlers and olers attacking them. The people scatter and try to climb the hotel gates but are then shot. Reagan sees all this going

on and panics. He grabs his things, gets ready, and is about to head out the door as his phone rings. He picks up and the Colonel gives him his orders to get to the conference center. Reagan heads downstairs and heads out with Victor and the rest of the officers. Reagan and Victor battle through hundreds of olers and even pirates trying to keep them from reaching their destination. They eventually get to the conference center after coming very close being bombed.

Reagan walks into the meeting room to find a glass table with some familiar faces around it, senior colleagues, scientists and professors. The Colonel himself is there, and behind the table are about 20 other people in chairs, with eager looks on their faces. Among them are Gary, Alex, Mace and Sean. Reagan introduces himself to the VIPs at the table and he then sits down. Colonel Dougherty stands up at the end of the table and whistles to get everybody's attention. He debriefs everyone in the room as to what's going on and what the government is doing, and wants to do, to prevent more outbreaks and more internal spread of this alien bacteria. He tells them that they are there to come up with as many innovative but workable ideas as possible and the groups with the best ideas will go to Washington D.C. to disclose the information to the world and get started on implementing the plans. The groups discuss their plans and Reagan hooks up with Mace and Gary when he finds out that they have had tangible success with their solution. The decision is made that Mace, Gary and Reagan's plan of attack is best and they are chosen to head to D.C. The colonel tells the group and their friends to board the jet waiting for them at the airport. On the way to the airport, a couple of giant reds attack the bus along with various olers and gnawlers. Captain Peters, Gary, Reagan, and Victor work collectively to protect the bus from the beasts. They successfully manage to destroy the two Reds and save the people on the bus.

Finally, at the airport, just as Gary, Reagan, Alex, and the rest of the group board the plane to Washington, an oler jumps onto the tarmac from one of the terminals and runs towards them. A guard quickly turns to fire at it but it jumps onto him and bites his face then throws his body to the side. It then leaps at Alex, Mace's mom and bites her in the neck then tears away and heads for Reagan. Just before it gets to Reagan the Colonel pulls out his gun and shoots the oler in the head. The oler lands on Reagan and starts to wake up, Reagan squeezes himself out from

under him and the Colonel walks over and puts three more bullets into its head. The Colonel and Reagan both run over to Alexandra. She is bleeding profusely from the neck and mouth, she is coughing up blood and crying. Gary is holding her against his chest, Mace and Christian are crying over her asking her to speak, telling her it'll be okay. More Olers begin running out from the forest that lines the airport. Gary, crying and screaming Alex's name is helped up by the guards and put onto the plane before the beasts get to them. Mace and Christian go to get on the plane, Christian turns around and twists the guard's rifle from his arms and fires repeatedly at the olers running towards them, both are slowed down and one eventually falls. Christian throws the gun into the soldier's arms and gets back on the plane. The tower clears them for takeoff and the Colonel's flight in the smaller jet is the first one to go. It's late at night and still raining, very cloudy and foggy out. The Colonel is in the back talking to the other officers and telling them how horrible the city looks from up there. As they get into the clouds he tells his officers that he wants them to contact every international military possible once the president gives orders to administer the antibiotics. The pilot is just about to put the plane into autopilot and notices in his headlights a couple of birdlike creatures flying at his altitude. They are whipping by incredibly fast so they're hard to see. He tells the other pilot to check it out, the pilot sees more and more and tells him to pull all the way up on the yoke. The main pilot radios to the tower and to the pilots of Reagan's flight to pull up that there is a very large flock of some kind of birds up in the clouds there. Then the pilots on the passenger flight see fire coming from the engines on the jet in front of them several miles away. They intercept the call from the Colonel's plane and there is a lot of noise and screaming. The pilots make out the jet pilot telling them that there's some kind of flock of birds ahead. They see the dark shadows through the clouds completely surrounding the smaller jet. They then see a wing blow off, the jet then descends rapidly toward the ground while burning. Gary spots the plane from his window seat and tells everybody else. Everybody goes to the windows and watches the plane as it falls apart. Horrified, Reagan asks Gary what's happening. Gary and Reagan get up and go to the front of the airplane to talk to the officer on board with them. He tells them everything. The pilots lose radio contact with the jet as the jet drops fast to the ground. Officer Bradford aboard the passenger plane tells Gary that they have chutes aboard the jet so it is possible that

they could have grabbed them. Gary asks what's going on and the officer tells everyone to remain calm and that the jet just hit a flock of birds. He tells them that they are going to go above the flock of birds. The pilots strap in and both pull back as far as they can on the yoke, thrust the engines at their absolute highest power, and radio the control tower to let them know that they might have to do an emergency landing and to stand by. Both pilots struggle to lift the plane, they start to see birds go past their windows, some even hit the window. Everyone screams as they hang on and bags and luggage fall from the stowaway compartments above them. Mace holds Michelle, Christian holds Chelsea, and Reagan looks out his window as the birdlike creatures fly by.

From the exterior of the plane, the flock of birds are actually diseased mutated geese that are part crow as well. The Aeolus has hardened the feathers, grown the bodies and wings and have made the birds extremely vicious toward one another so there are very large winged creatures that are about 4 times the size of a swan. The flock is mainly below the plane, the pilots are only skimming the top part of the giant flock and a couple more birds hit the wings, the doors to the landing gear, and the tail. The pilots finally clear the flock and go high enough where the birds can't breathe. The pilots level the plane out and take a deep breath and high five. They come over the speaker system telling everybody they apologize for the abrupt pull. They tell them that they'll be in D.C. in less than an hour. The pilots see on their computers that the landing gear is malfunctioning and the tail and wing have minor damage. The both know it is going to be a very rough landing at the base in D.C.

Gary asks Reagan what the hell that was, Reagan explains that the birds have been infected as well, it's not just us. Gary asks him if everything is diseased and destroyed then how will mankind survive. Reagan looks over at him and tells him, that's our next mission. Gary looks at his wedding band and kisses it in honor of his wife. Mace keeps working on his proposal and the other kids talk about missing their friends and family.

Most of the group is asleep when the pilots begin descending into Andrew's AFB in D.C. The pilots radio the tower on procedures to fix damaged landing gear. The plane is about 100 miles from the base and after many tries the pilot manages to get at least the two back wheels down. Mace wakes up and notices the plane is descending, he looks down and sees city after city

burning in the night. The pilots, only miles from the base, are becoming incredibly worried that the front wheel door will not open. As they descend, the plane starts to shift back and forth violently. The plane drops altitude extremely fast waking mostly everybody up in a panic. The tower sees the plane coming in at a strange angle and tipping the wings up and down to stay balanced. Finally the pilot resets the fuse to the front landing gear and the doors pops open letting go of one of the mutant birds as it falls and smacks onto the runway. The landing gear comes out just as the plane touches down. The back end of the plane hits the runway creating sparks and the pilots then put down the nose of the plane. Pieces of the wings break off as they apply the brakes. The damage to the wings and tail throws the plane all over the runway shaking everyone inside. People scream and hold on, finally the pilots gain control of the plane and it stops a couple hundred yards off the runway in a field. Emergency vehicles come out to retrieve the passengers and help them. Only a few people got hurt and need an ambulance. Gary, Reagan, and the rest of the group are fine. They slide down the inflatable slide as emergency personnel help them onto a bus. Gnawlers come out from the bushes around the runway and try attacking Gary's group, Christian grabs an AR-15 out of one of the guard's hands and shoots one of the gnawlers down. The guards go to fire at him but see that he saved them and back off, he hands the gun back to the guard and the guard just looks at him in awe. The bus takes them to the base central facility at Andrew's AFB. Once the group gets into the facility headquarters, Officer Bradford takes them into the cafeteria where they rest and grab some food before tomorrow's meeting with the president.

The British Ministry of Defense communicates with the United Nations in the morning to see if there is anybody with a plan yet to stop the spread of these horrific beings. Prime Minister Benjamin Veltri of the United Kingdom flies to D.C. along with 15 other presidential representatives from the United Nations. They walk into the situation room and all have a seat. Reagan, Mace, Gary, and Reagan's friend Victor walk in and sit down with them. The president enters the room along with five other Generals, one of which puts his hand on Dr. Durso's shoulder and tells him that he's sorry about the Colonel. General Thurlow debriefs everyone on what is currently going on and the current state in various countries around the world. Another General gets up to let everybody know where troops are and where they have been deployed.

He lets the everyone know how many more troops they have on stand-by for the initial plan of attack.

The president then speaks to the group of about 50 men and women letting them know that there is nothing more important than to make sure this does not happen again, so they need a plan of prevention first. Secondly, he tells them that they need to deal with humans first, he tells them that they need a cure or quick termination process that'll kill off the infection quickly. Lastly, he tells everybody that they need to find the best way to spread the word fast and get the plan into the hands of every nation out there. He asks the astrobiology division first what they have.

Dr. Durso walks to the front of the room and begins elaborating in great detail his work on a large satellite system that would prevent any future infestation of cosmic bacteria. The project is already underway and partially built as a result of government funding and prior work. He lets them know that they just need to replicate 5 more satellites with the attached machines and send them up to certain points surrounding the Earth. He said that through his observations and findings, the project is fail proof. Another scientist describes a microwave technology that could be projected from 12 satellites surrounding the Earth. The microwave system would simply send high frequency radio waves into the cloud destroying the living organisms within it in the same way a microwave oven cooks food on Earth. The scientist said that his satellites are large enough to contain Dr. Durso's technology. He tells Dr. Durso that he would need more time to speak with him but that the production of the machines that will be fastened to the satellites will take at least 6-8 months.. The scientist sits down and a woman walks to the front asking for Mace Winston to please come forward. Gary and Mace walk to the front of the room. The woman introduces Mace and Gary to the President.

Everyone claps and Mace speaks, letting everybody know that he was performing a school biology project where he delved into the chemistry and biology between penicillin and its antibodies. Mace goes on to introduce his father Gary as the supplier of the spray guns and the penicillin needed to save humanity. Gary thanks Mace and explains to the group that he needs every contact possible to the manufacturers of those spray guns and to get military personnel to their facilities asap. He explains what needs to be done to successfully use penicillin as the

primary killer. Gary explains to the president that he needs connections and communications with the European, Asian, South American, and Australian pharmaceutical companies to get these instruments processed fast and ready for shipment. He goes on to saying that it has never been done as fast as they need it but if he can do it and he will, then other countries should be able to follow his lead. He finishes by asking the President and congress for their help and support in making this happen right now. He tells them that millions are dying as they speak. One of the Colonels speaks up and tells the president that Gary also lost his wife and Mace his mother just yesterday. The president apologizes to Gary and Mace for their loss. The general walks over and the president talks with him as Gary watches. The general nods yes to the president and walks to a glass cabinet where some medals are hanging behind Gary. He takes two medals from the cabinet and hands one to Captain Peters. Captain Peters stands to the left of Mace at the podium and General Thurlow stands to Gary's right. The President awards Gary and Mace the congressional medal of honor for their bravery.

Afterwards, the president invites them back into his office. There he assigns Gary and Mace as leads in his international relations team. He tells them that the government will supply them with housing, clothes, food, and compensation for their work. They hear someone knock on the door and the president opens it. Reagan is standing there with his briefcase looking at the president. The president asks, "Dr. Durso, right?" Reagan responds, "Yes sir, that's right, I was told you wanted to see me." The president asks Reagan if he'd be interested in leading the world's global defense operation for Aeolus. Reagan looks at Gary and Mace and smiles. Reagan shakes the president's hand and the screen goes black.