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Outbreak!

Could a zombie apocalypse really happen? Could the world be overrun with **hordes** of undead bodies, staggering around with one aim—to feed on living humans?



Although very unlikely, a deadly new **virus** with zombielike symptoms could appear. In such an event, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), a U.S. government agency, would immediately put the following emergency plan into action:

- Identify the virus causing the disease.
- Work on a cure.
- **Quarantine** the infected.

To see how one person has imagined the unfolding of such a frightening **outbreak**, take a deep breath and turn the page...



An apocalypse is a highly destructive event that leads to the deaths of millions of people.



Attack!

The nightmare started with an urgent news bulletin about people falling ill across the city. A TV reporter said the sick had high fevers and foamed at the mouth. Within hours, they were unable to walk or talk.

The reporter also described something very unexpected. Within minutes after a man with the disease had been declared dead, his **corpse** had jolted upright and began attacking the doctor—chewing the flesh off of his face.

The TV reporter looked stunned as she stared into the camera.

What was next? I wondered.



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In addition to a virus, some people believe that a drug, a chemical, or **radiation** exposure could turn people into the walking dead.

