

PANDEMIC (Working Title)(Sample)

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An uninsured, low-class man becomes a victim of an outbreak.
Once he goes to the hospital, his life changes dramatically
and stumbles upon a dark secret.

INT./EXT CONVENTION CENTER

DAN (30s) stands at a table where a HEALTH INSURANCE PERSON sits with paperwork in front of them.

Various Health Care provider booths sit behind Dan.

INSURANCE PERSON

Did you sign up for any Health Care today?

DAN

No, I didn't. I don't work enough at my job to get insurance, or have the money for any of these providers.

INSURANCE PERSON

You do understand insurance is mandatory, and if you don't sign up soon, you will be fined even more than last year.

Dan rolls his eyes.

DAN

(Sighs)

Yeah, thanks for the reminder, but it's still less money in the long run. I don't get sick that often.

INSURANCE PERSON

Alright, but I must urge you not to take the risk and to sign up today. Anything could happen.

They look down at the electronic device.

INSURANCE PERSON

What was your name?

DAN

Daniel Thorn.

The Insurance Person finds "Daniel Thorn" on the device, then presses her finger on the block in the "No" section under the column "Did they sign up for Health Care?"

INSURANCE PERSON

Thanks, Dan. Be well.

Dan quickly walks to his car and a sign hangs high in the background.

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THE SIGN READS: "Healthcare Convention: Don't Risk Your Life, Sign Up Today!"

Dan looks at his watch, groans, and gets in the car.

EXT. AIRPORT - DAY

A plane flies in the air.

INT. DAN'S PARENTS' HOUSE

Dan and his FAMILY sing "Happy Birthday" to Dan's SISTER who sits at the table in a wheelchair.

They finish the song and she blows out the 18 candles on her cake. Dan smiles and kisses her forehead.

INT. AIRPORT - DAY

An AFRICAN MAN (40s) looks at a list of names on a small electronic device, puts the device in his pocket, then coughs in his hand. That same hand touches a bag tag, grabs the handle of the luggage on the baggage claim, takes the bag off, and sets it on the floor.

The Man begins to walk off.

DAN (O.C.)
Excuse me! That's my bag!

The Man stops and turns.

DAN
See the tag?

AFRICAN MAN
Oh. Sorry.

Dan grabs the handle of the baggage and rolls away with it.

He walks for a bit, then stops. He takes the handle off the baggage handle, puts it in a bag of chips, and shoves a handle full of chips in his mouth.