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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.

