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FAIL-SAFE

The government has everything under control.



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WHAT IF

WHAT IF THERE WAS A PLAN,
ONE YOU WERE NEVER MEANT TO BE PART OF?
WHAT IF IT WASN'T ANOTHER OUTLANDISH CONSPIRACY,
BUT IS THE BLUEPRINT OF A FUTURE ALREADY SET IN MOTION?
WHAT IF IT STARTED WITH A VACCINE... LED TO WAR...
AND TURNED INTO A BATTLE FOR RESOURCES?
WHAT IF THE PLAN STARTS UNRAVELLING?
TOO LATE TO TURN BACK.
TOO COMPLEX TO REVERSE.
TOO VALUABLE TO ABANDON.
THAT'S WHY THEY NEEDED A BACKUP.
A FAIL-SAFE.

OVERVIEW

SCRIPT: Anthony Streager

GENRE: Action, Thriller, Horror, Dystopian, Revenge

FORMAT: 90 minutes

LOCATION: Warehouses in Zehlendorf and Reinickendorf Berlin and surrounding Urban areas of Berlin.

TIME: Near Future

LOGLINE: When a covert programme turns COVID-19 vaccinations into deadly weapons, six strangers fight to survive as one man's conspiracy theory becomes horrifying reality.

SHORT SYNOPSIS: As a mysterious global phenomenon transforms ordinary people into murderous psychopaths known as CRAZIES, civilisation begins to collapse. Six strangers find themselves trapped in a warehouse, forced into an uneasy alliance as they struggle to survive the violence outside and the growing distrust within.

But the CRAZIES are not victims of a contagious disease. Their murderous behaviour is the result of something far more sinister — a covert programme known as FAIL-SAFE, designed to manipulate the human mind and turn ordinary citizens into instruments of violence.

For five of the survivors, the nightmare is only beginning. But for Horseman, a former operative with first-hand knowledge of the programme, this is the day he's been waiting for. He knows what FAIL-SAFE really is, who is responsible, and what its activation means. While the others desperately search for a way out, Horseman sees an opportunity to settle a score that's been a long time coming.

As society disintegrates, the struggle for survival takes an unexpected and brutal turn. For Horseman, escaping the nightmare is no longer the objective. Revenge is. And in a world where anyone can become a killer, the most dangerous man may be the one who has been waiting for it to happen.

SYNOPSIS

On December 8, 2039, nineteen years after the first COVID-19 vaccine was administered, the world descends into chaos. Ordinary citizens suddenly transform into murderous psychopaths known as CRAZIES. Cities become slaughterhouses, governments lose control, and civilisation begins to collapse. Amid the carnage, six strangers take refuge in a factory warehouse, only to discover that the danger within may be as deadly as the horrors outside.

Among them is **Horseman**, a former operative dismissed as a conspiracy theorist, and **Carla**, a manipulative government health minister determined to escape at any cost. While Carla insists the catastrophe is an unexplained viral outbreak, Horseman knows otherwise. He has first-hand knowledge of FAIL-SAFE, a covert programme designed to manipulate the human mind. For years, he has known this day could come. And unlike the others, he has been waiting for it.

As fear and suspicion tear the group apart, their fragile alliance collapses. Mila, a young journalist, is murdered by seemingly unaffected workers. Victor, a compassionate priest, dies following a confrontation involving Amiri, a ruthless Kurdish refugee whose violent past is subsequently exposed by Rylee, a police officer. Their confrontation ends in Rylee's death, leaving Horseman, Carla and Amiri fighting for control of their increasingly desperate situation.

Carla secretly recruits Amiri to help her escape, but their alliance proves short-lived. Amiri ambushes Horseman and leaves him unconscious, only for Carla to betray and kill Amiri moments later. Believing herself finally free, she attempts to flee, but Horseman reappears and blocks her escape. Desperate, Carla persuades him to escort her to an extraction point, promising safe passage in return.

Their journey leads to the mansion of **Sir Richard Cummins**, a powerful figure behind the Global Reset Plan and one of the architects of the catastrophe. For Carla, the mansion represents salvation. For Horseman, it represents something very different: the opportunity to confront those responsible for a programme he has known about for years.

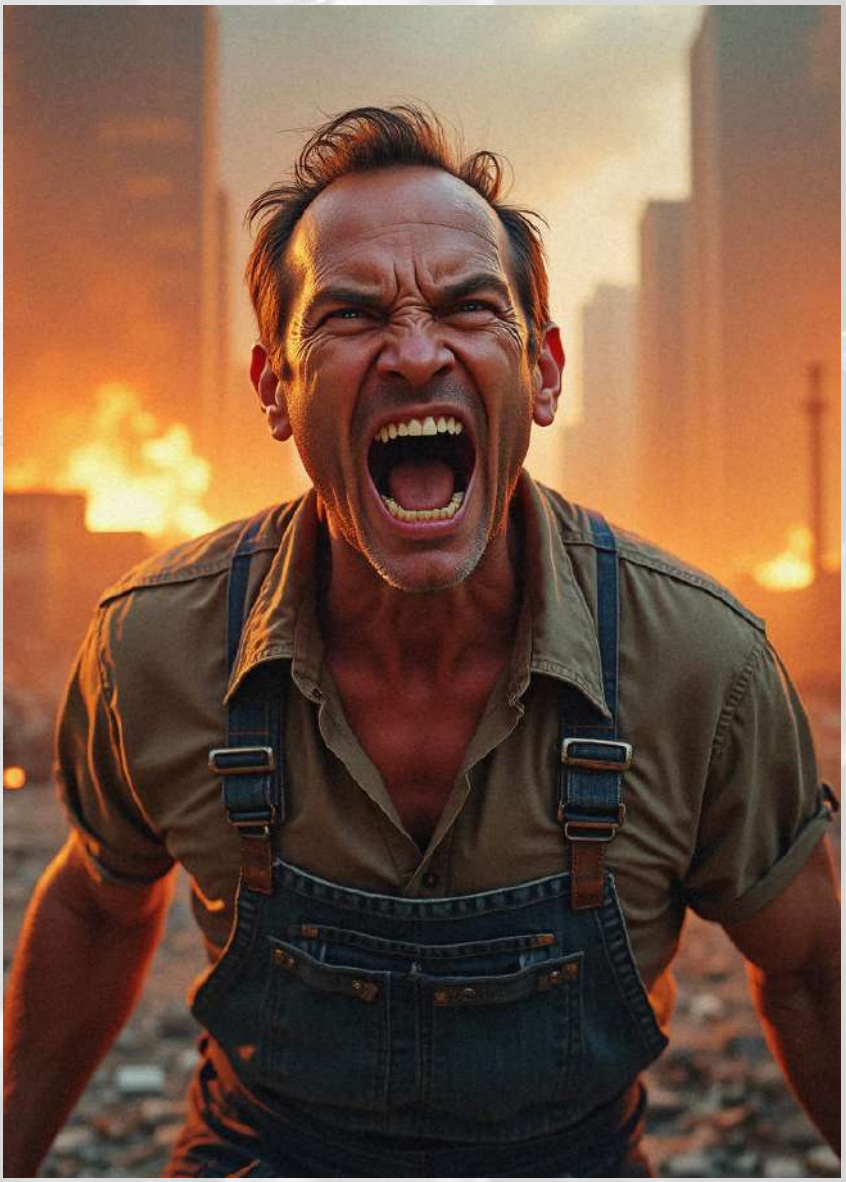
Inside, the full depravity of the conspiracy is exposed. Cummins and his associates are not merely responsible for unleashing FAIL-SAFE; the estate also conceals a child exploitation operation serving the same corrupt elite.

As Carla attempts one final betrayal, offering Horseman wealth and influence in exchange for her survival, he refuses. Her manipulations have run their course, and Horseman kills her.

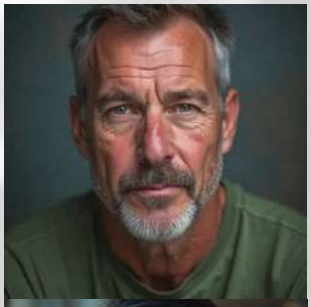
With the world in ruins, Horseman finally carries out the revenge he has been anticipating. He brutally executes Cummins, broadcasting the killing to millions of conspirators across the globe. His message is unmistakable: those responsible for humanity's destruction are no longer untouchable.

Although hazmat teams subsequently erase the evidence of his actions, they cannot erase the warning. What began as six strangers fighting to survive an apocalypse has become one man's declaration of war against the people who engineered it.

For the rest of humanity, FAIL-SAFE is the end of the world.
For Horseman, it's the beginning of revenge.



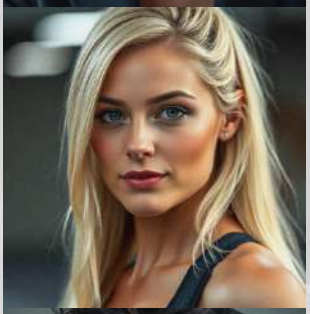
MAIN CHARACTERS



HORSEMAN: A retired soldier turned tinfoil-hat conspiracy theorist, he's been prepping for the apocalypse since 2020. Convinced the vaccine implants chips that turn people into psychotic killers, he's on a mission to save the unvaccinated and prove everyone wrong!



CARLA BLACKHEATH: A self-serving health minister and One World Order insider, Carla knows more about the chaos than she admits. Ruthless and cunning, she'll lie, manipulate, or betray anyone to secure her escape—because for Carla, survival is non-negotiable.



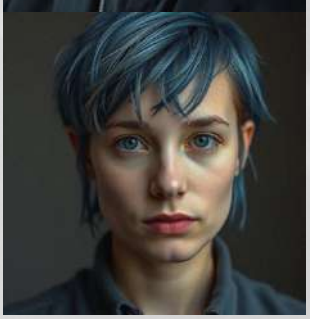
RYLEE SUMMERS: A dedicated cop and fitness enthusiast, Rylee believes in law and order above all else. But as chaos unfolds and conspiracies unravel, she's forced to question her ideals. Her unwavering duty might just be her greatest weakness.



AMIRI SAHIN: A hardened Kurdish refugee who escaped war-torn Iran only to find new battles in Europe. Ruthless and driven by self-preservation, he thrives in chaos, proving that survival isn't about morals, it's about doing whatever it takes.



REVEREND VICTOR WHITE: A middle-aged priest clinging to faith as chaos reigns. Devoted to mercy and compassion, he seeks meaning in the madness. But when morality falters and prayers go unanswered, Victor's tragic fate reflects the crumbling of belief in a broken world.



MILA: A Gen Alpha journalist thrust into chaos while covering a climate protest, Mila is lost without her iPhone and comforts of modern iLife. Clinging to denial in a collapsing world, her tragic inability to adapt seals her brutal fate.

TARGET AUDIENCE

FAIL-SAFE is aimed at audiences who enjoy dark, provocative action thrillers that combine dystopian horror, conspiracy and survival with a hard-hitting revenge narrative. What begins as a desperate struggle against a collapsing society evolves into a brutal confrontation with those responsible, delivering an unexpected shift from survival horror to action-driven vengeance.

The film will appeal to fans of *The Crazies*, *28 Days Later*, *The Purge* and *From Dusk Till Dawn*, while its morally ambiguous protagonist and uncompromising revenge storyline draw comparisons with *Nobody* and *John Wick*. Its combination of relentless tension, violent confrontations, betrayal and dark revelations offers strong crossover appeal across the action, horror and thriller genres.

The **core target audience is adults aged 18–45**, with broader appeal among mature viewers who favour gritty, high-concept entertainment. Themes of government secrecy, manipulation, institutional corruption and societal collapse provide a contemporary edge, while Horseman's transformation from apparent conspiracy theorist to ruthless avenger gives the story a distinctive character-driven hook.

With an international ensemble, escalating suspense and a provocative narrative that challenges perceptions of trust, power and authority, *FAIL-SAFE* is positioned for audiences seeking bold, unpredictable genre entertainment that delivers both visceral action and a darker underlying message.



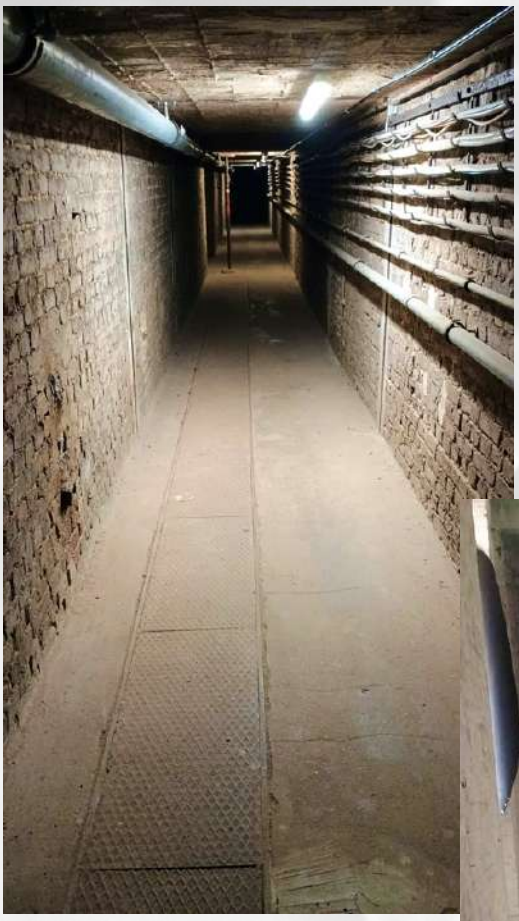
LOCATION

























THE CONSPIRACY THEORIST'S CODE OF CONDUCT

RULE 1 — QUESTION EVERYTHING.
Especially the people who insist there's nothing to question.

RULE 2 — TRUST NO ONE.
Governments lie. Corporations manipulate. Experts disagree. And everyone has something to hide.

RULE 3 — FOLLOW THE PATTERNS.
Coincidences are comforting. Patterns are inconvenient. Particularly when someone doesn't want you to notice them.

RULE 4 — NEVER ACCEPT THE OFFICIAL STORY.
The truth is rarely as simple as the press release. And sometimes the people writing it already know the ending.

RULE 5 — REMEMBER WHO PROFITS.
Follow the money. Follow the power. And when you find the people pulling the strings, remember their names.

RULE 6 — NEVER FORGET.
They'll call you paranoid. They'll call you dangerous. They'll call you a conspiracy theorist.

But what happens when you were right all along?

FAIL-SAFE: Some men prepare for the end of the world. Others wait for it.



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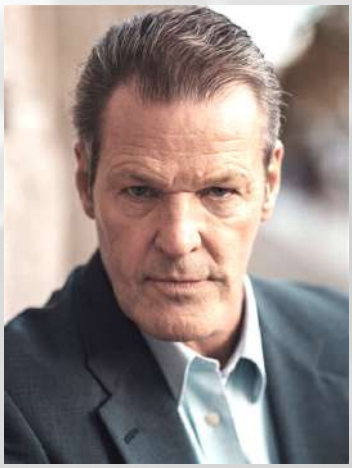



I see in the near future a crisis approaching that unnerves me and causes me to tremble for the safety of my country... corporations have been enthroned and an era of corruption in high places will follow, and the money power of the country will endeavor to prolong its reign by working upon the prejudices of the people until all wealth is aggregated in a few hands and the Republic is destroyed.

Abraham Lincoln

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