

D-DAY OR:
THE DAY THE WORLD ANNIHILATED ITSELF
BECAUSE OF A SINGLE DROP OF RAIN

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1 EXT. BOTTOM OF SWIMMING POOL - DAY

1

The vibrant blue water glistens, as warm rays of sunlight shine through to the bottom of a pool. A faint distorted splash is heard. A young boy emerges, sinking to the bottom of the pool, his hands embracing his legs.

NARRATOR (V.O.)

This is IGBY. He is most famously known for his canon balls, which cause him to sink like a stone. He is also infamous for hiding at the bottom of the pool; hiding from his older sister, who picks on him, from his parents, who are always fighting and from the world around him. Sometimes he's down there for hours with just one breath. Except, of course, on the day the world annihilated itself.

Igby suddenly smiles, looking right at you, as if he has a secret to tell. The frame burns out.

CUT TO:

TITLE SEQUENCE: A fantastic animated sequence of the world destroying itself.

CUT TO:

2 EXT. BOTTOM OF SWIMMING POOL - DAY

2

Igby sits peacefully at the bottom of the pool, his arms still embracing his legs. Dog tags dangle from his neck.

NARRATOR (V.O.)

It is precisely one year earlier and Igby is in his favourite place when something very peculiar happens.

Black charcoal clouds hang above, as BLACK rain begins to shoot out of the sky, piercing the surface of the pool, while forming a perfect SQUARE shape.

NARRATOR (V.O.)

This is unlike any other rain shower. This is a natural phenomenon known only as PURE. While some scientists, climatologists and meteorologists point their fingers at the increase in pollution, others describe these strange occurrences as unexplainable anomalies. Others contest that it is God's hands, cleansing different parts of the world, one piece at a time.

Igby looks up at the pouring rain and then salutes the camera. The frame burns out.

CUT TO:

3 INT. LECTURE HALL, GEOGRAPHICAL LAND MASS - NIGHT 3

A PROFESSOR pulls down a map from the blackboard of a geographical land mass, as he holds a long wooden pointing stick. He begins to gesticulate intelligently.

NARRATOR (V.O.)

What is PURE? PURE is a Particularly Uncommon Rain Event. And, unlike normal rain showers that spread out across a large land mass, PURE is confined to a very small and specific area. Even more peculiar is this phenomenon's shape, which miraculously enough, is a small and yet perfectly formed square. In fact, it has been cited by Canadians that PURE has approximately 5.75 Million drops of rain. However, American's claim that PURE has approximately 5.76 Million drops of rain. Although approximations, both countries insist that their findings are indeed very accurate.

CUT TO:

4 INT. BOTTOM OF SWIMMING POOL - DAY 4

Igby plays with GI JOES at the bottom of the pool.

NARRATOR (V.O.)

One may ask how the difference in the measurement of rain can cause a conflict between two well developed nations? Well, for starters, it meant one country's scientific methods were flawed. And as the great Sir Francis Bacon once said: "knowledge is power".

Igby aims and shoots one GI JOE, who falls and sinks to the floor, while the other plastic soldier claims victory.

CUT TO:

5 INT. SCIENCE LABRATORY - NIGHT 5

MR. KYTE stands around several test tubes, and begins to carefully pour one solution into a boiling beaker.

NARRATOR (V.O.)

As it so happens, an expert in the field of meteorology, geography and numerology, who is not at all biased and is completely neutral was called in to solve this problem. A small plump man, who goes by the name of Mr. Kyte. He is mostly known for his front page spread in *Science is Life*, a

prestigious scientific magazine which
awarded him "Sci Guy of the Year".

INSERT: Magazine cover "*Science is Life*".

CUT TO:

6 EXT. GREEN PARK - DAY

6

A little GIRL stands in the middle of a gorgeously GREEN
park. She is enthusiastically chewing a piece of BLUE gum.

NARRATOR (V.O.)

This marked the beginning of Mr. Kyte's
string of successes, which led him to
finding a new type of meteor rock, never
discovered before, that when combined with
the right natural elements from the
periodic table would magically, or
"scientifically," turn the meteor rock
into a delicious blue chewing gum. And due
to the excessive amounts of amino acids
and nucleotides, this is a gum whose
flavour lasts forever!

The girl blows a great big bubble that bursts.

CUT TO:

7 INT. CHURCH - NIGHT

7

FATHER MACKENZIE kneels in front of a picture of Mr. Kyte
and begins to pray around lit candles.

NARRATOR (V.O.)

While some say he is a fake and a
fraud, others like Father Mackenzie
argue that Mr. Kyte is a gift from God.

CUT TO:

8 EXT. CANADIAN/AMERICAN EMBASSY - DAY

8

Mr. Kyte Sits on a bench eating a chocolate donut without
any grace or manners, while both countries flags flutter
in the wind.

NARRATOR (V.O.)

Strongly trusted by both countries, Mr.
Kyte, a Swiss one may want to add, has
come to put an end to this magnificent
rain debate. To do this, Mr. Kyte has
meticulously engineered an extremely
sophisticated rain measuring apparatus
appropriately named: the really really
fast rain counting machine.

The donut slips out of Mr. Kyte's hand-

CUT TO:

9 INT. THE UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ROOM - DAY

9

A donut plummets to the floor. A MAN in a prim suit picks up the donut, blows on it, and takes a juicy bite. The CSIS and the CIA are gathered around a SQUARE table. Both sign a contract, and proceed to shake hands.

NARRATOR (V.O.)

At this given moment, it is now well known and largely publicized that until Mr. Kyte reaches a conclusion, all of his research will continue to be top secret. To the benefit of Mr. Kyte, the CIA and the CSIS have both jointly agreed not to interfere with Mr. Kyte's research and findings. And as the great English Poet Thomas Gray once said, "ignorance is bliss".

The CSIS officer and the CIA agent shaking hands have one hand behind their backs with their fingers crossed.

CUT TO:

10 INT. BEIJING CONCERT HALL AT XINHUA GATE, CHINA - DAY

10

YIN is dressed in tight spandex and wears the number "444" on his back. He is sweating all over as he enthusiastically plays a Yo Yo. Flashes of light from NEARBY CAMERAS continuously spark.

NARRATOR (V.O.)

Fearing his own life may be at risk, Mr. Kyte has entrusted this deadly secret with his dear friend and loyal colleague. He was awarded "The Yo Yo" champion of the world three consecutive years in a row. A fellow that goes by the name of Yang, Yin Yang.

INSERT NAME TAG: Yin Yang.

NARRATOR (V.O.)

He's Chinese by the way.

Mr. Kyte is the first to give a standing ovation.

CUT TO:

11 INT. YIN YANG'S HOUSE - NIGHT

11

It's a cold stormy night. Lightning strikes, illuminating the empty halls of Yin Yang's house.

NARRATOR (V.O.)

Why Mr. Kyte has entrusted the World's most sought out and deadly secret with a tall and surprisingly thin man, who barely speaks a word of English and with

absolutely no training in self defense is a puzzle in itself. Which is why it did not surprise anyone when Yin Yang was mysteriously murdered one late night and the results to Mr. Kyte's investigation were stolen. However, it did surprise people how Yin Yang was murdered. It was a very peculiar event indeed.

Silhouetted by the moonlit storm, Yin Yang's lifeless body hangs from the ceiling of his room. Violently wrapped around his neck, and being used as a noose, is his own yo yo bearing the Yin Yang symbol. He wears a shirt that says "War is Over...if you want it to be." Yellow candles are lit and form a perfect square beneath his mangled corpse.

CUT TO:

12 EXT. SUBURBAN STREET - DAY

12

Igby, wearing a wet bathing suit, goggles and flippers, pulls a blue wagon down the street filled with popular newspapers. He reaches into the wagon and tosses newspapers at the passing houses.

NARRATOR (V.O.)

Soon after the tragic death of the beloved yo yo champion, the results to Mr. Kyte's investigations were anonymously leaked to the press. And moments later were immediately published in several different major newspapers.

Igby throws a newspaper in the air-

CUT TO:

13 INT. LIVING ROOM, TEXAS - DAY

13

A fat balding MAN picks up a newspaper off his disgustingly dirty living room floor, while his WIFE nags in the kitchen. He notices the front cover and begins to read, while picking at his teeth with a toothpick.

NARRATOR (V.O.)

THE RESULTS: PURE in Canada has precisely ...5, 765 801 drops of rain. Also expressed as 7 to the power of 8. However, in America PURE has precisely 5, 765 802 drops of rain. Or, 7 to the power of 8 with a remainder of one. The difference of a single drop of rain. A remainder of one. Confusion struck both nations.

CUT TO:

14 INT. IGBY'S HOUSE - NIGHT 14

NARRATOR (V.O.)

In fact, it struck the world!

Igby, still in swimming gear, slams his hand down on the board game RISK, causing the game pieces to scatter.

CUT TO:

15 INT. IGBY'S LIVING ROOM - DAY 15

Igby sits in front of a flickering television screen, still wearing his swimming gear, as he watches cartoons.

NARRATOR (V.O.)

The single drop of rain results became the most sought after and talked about topic in popular culture. The topic would come up at the office and in the classroom and during dinner and on the news and on the radio and in children's early morning cartoons and on and on.

CUT TO:

16 INT. MUSEUM - DAY 16

A large chart beautifully displays the wonders of the modern world. One by one, each wonder is revealed on the chart.

NARRATOR (V.O.)

It became so popular that PURE was added as a wonder of the Modern World. It placed ninth.

INSERT EIGHTH WONDER OF THE MODERN WORLD: "George Bush elected twice in a row"

NARRATOR (V.O.)

The most popular question to date is: How can the exact same phenomenon happen in two countries, but with such precise and minute variations?

CUT TO:

17 INT. IGBY'S LIVING ROOM - DAY 17

Igby watches a flickering television set of a fantastic animated sequence that illustrates the following:

NARRATOR (V.O.)

Picture, for example, a yellow school bus driving on the peace bridge from Canada to the US. Now, imagine that without any notice whatsoever, PURE decides to hang itself right over the yellow bus. While

the clouds inside PURE are always a smoky charcoal black, the clouds outside of its area are a brilliant and vibrant white. BLACK rain shoots out and as always forms a perfect square around the bus and lasts for precisely one minute. In this case, the school bus is a Canadian one, and therefore there are 7 to the power of 8 drops of rain.

CUT TO:

INSERT PICTURE: A single drop of rain hitting the ground.

NARRATOR (V.O.)

Although this may sound peculiar, experts claimed that each single drop of rain falls at exactly a 90 degree angle to the degree.

A 90 degree angle is drawn overtop of the picture.

NARRATOR (V.O.)

Rain shower radicals and activists in search for peace, attempted to prove that both an American and a Canadian PURE had the same total drops of rain: 7 to the power of 8; Arguing that Mr. Kyte skewed his results to make one country look better than the other.

CUT TO:

18 EXT. ANIMATED COUNTRY ROAD - DAY

18

ACTIVISTS/PACIFISTS, wearing bohemian clothing, scurry together as they clumsily put together a large camera.

NARRATOR (V.O.)

The activists, who happened to be pacifists, decided to set up very powerful still cameras with powerful lenses. They were determined to prove Mr. Kyte's results false by taking a rapid succession of photos for precisely one minute of the phenomenon and then counting each individual drop of rain.

INSERT: A folder that reads "Exhibit A."

NARRATOR (V.O.)

Accept exhibit A as evidence that Mr. Kyte's findings were indeed correct.

INSERT: A succession of photographs of a single drop of rain.

NARRATOR (V.O.)

As you can see in these pictures and as it so happens to happen, the rain hits the ground at a perfect 90 degree angle and

after exactly 6 billion nanoseconds the sky has spit out precisely 5, 765 801 drops of rain in Canada. And in America the sky has spit out exactly 5, 765 802 drops of rain. The activists, who happen to be pacifists, were stumped.

The peace bridge collapses and the yellow school bus falls into an ocean full of sharks.

CUT TO:

19 INT. CLASSROOM - DAY

19

Igby's face is bright RED as he holds his breath. He raises his hand eagerly in the air to his teacher.

NARRATOR (V.O.)

And while the rest of the world is fighting over this single drop debate, only one single person, a child, asks:

IGBY

Why does rain fall in a square, anyway?

20 INT. IGBY'S HOUSE - DAY

20

A television screen displaying static is turned off. Igby tips over a domino that sends a row of dominos crashing down. The last domino falls onto a name tag.

NARRATOR (V.O.)

This brings us to the chain of events that would soon lead to the annihilation of the entire world, the culmination of which can all be traced back to a greedy and up to no good journalist, Molly Jones. Molly, whose salary was at risk unless she found a juicy story fast, was determined to turn an already sensational story into a masterpiece all for a buck.

MOLLY, wearing a sexy black bra and skirt, sits on the edge of a bed as she clips her name tag to her waist. Mr. Kyte, lying half naked in the bed, is asleep. He rolls over onto his back, revealing his morning erection. She shoots him a dirty look.

CUT TO:

21 INT. PRINTING PRESS - DAY

21

Greasy gears gyrate, as a printing press spits out the front cover of the New York Times.

NARRATOR (V.O.)

Unable to get the story she wanted, a scandal was born: Molly wrote a shocking article that made the front of the New York Times. In it

she accused Mr. Kyte of being a Canadian spy in an elaborate terrorist plot against the US. As it so happens, the "T" word is all it takes to raise a few heads. A travesty indeed.

CUT TO:

22 INT. CLASSROOM - DAY

22

Igby, still wearing swimming gear, opens up a map of the world. The line that separates the United States from Canada is an exaggerated jagged line, similar to a heart breaking in half. The KIDS in the class spell the word "Terrorists" over top of Canada, each letter fitting into one of the ten provinces.

NARRATOR (V.O.)

In fact, this one article created such an outcry that it caused the two sister countries to go from allies to enemies.

CUT TO:

23 INT. PARLIAMENT BUILDING, NORTH KOREA - DAY

23

KIM JONG-IL, leader of North Korea, sits watching a television in his office, while smoking a big fat cigar and laughing hysterically. A large poster of Michael Jordan hangs on the wall beside the North Korean flag.

NARRATOR (V.O.)

Many nations held the theory that the United States and Canada were just siblings in a petty fight. While others did not...

CUT TO:

24 INT. UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - DAY

24

An OLD MAN stands at a podium in front of several OTHER IMPORTANT MEMBERS, who have fallen asleep. While wearing a nasty grin on his face, the old man stamps the word "PASSED" in bold red ink on one of the sheets in front of him. The sheet reads: "Bill 19-4-5".

NARRATOR (V.O.)

That is until the United States declared war on the terrorist country Canada and passed a bill that would make it illegal for a Canadian to travel to the United States and vice versa. The punishment? Any American would have the right to execute the terrorist on site, using any force necessary. And this would have been just fine...if everyone just followed the rules.

CUT TO:

25 EXT. CEMETERY, RUSSIA - DAY

25

YURI GULSHTOF stands in front of a tombstone. He pulls out a bottle of Stolichnaya vodka and spills some on the ground.

NARRATOR (V.O.)

The second moment that can be isolated as part of the cause of the annihilation of the world occurred on October 14th. A day that will go down in history. As it so happened, an American citizen going by the name of Yuri Gulshtof was with his Canadian twin brother Furi Gulshtof visiting their homeland, Russia. Furi, unfortunately, choked on a piece of BLUE chewing gum and died.

CUT TO:

26 INT. FURI'S APARTMENT - DAY

26

Yuri scrambles to collect all of Furi's things, while constantly looking at his watch.

NARRATOR (V.O.)

Shortly after Furi's death, Yuri determined that he would bring all of Furi's personal belongings back to his home in the US. This included a silver watch and lucky coin and flask and most importantly Furi's Canadian passport, which Yuri almost forgot at the hotel, but grabbed at the last second.

Yuri quickly stuffs the passport in his front pocket.

CUT TO:

27 INT. AIRPORT TERMINAL - DAY

27

Yuri runs down a busy terminal carrying a duffle bag.

NARRATOR (V.O.)

Now what happened at the airport was a strange string of coincidences, but it did occur nonetheless. Many questions were raised, but the most important was: Why did Yuri forget that Furi's passport was in his front pocket when he mistakenly handed it to the American officer at the airport? Being twins, Yuri and Furi shared very similar facial features. And, the American officer, BILLY SHEER, may have acted differently, however, moments earlier found out that his girlfriend Molly was cheating on him with some no good scientist.

The officer raises his gun at Yuri. A loud gunshot is heard.

CUT TO:

28 EXT. SCHOOL YARD - DAY

28

Mud splatters onto Igby's smiling face. He bends down and picks up some mud and tosses it at the girl in front of him. They both begin to play innocently in the mud.

NARRATOR (V.O.)

Several weeks later after the international investigation was completed it was soon revealed and published world wide that there had been a slip up. The United States had "accidently" murdered an innocent Russian citizen with dual citizenship. If only Yuri was a normal Russian. But as it so happened, Yuri's father's cousin's brother's uncle's son's cousin is Putin's cousin and was head of the country's Atomic Energy Association; someone important, indeed.

Igby tackles the girl, as they role around in the mud. A school bell rings.

CUT TO:

29 EXT. WEST BERLIN, 1990 - DAY

29

HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE are seen rioting.

NARRATOR (V.O.)

The animosity created by the event between Russia and the United States had not been seen since the end of the Cold War.

The Berlin wall comes crashing down.

CUT TO:

30 INT. MR. KYTES HOUSE - DAY

30

Igby tips over a domino that sends many domino's crashing down. Mr. Kyte, wearing a bed time T-Shirt of John Lennon, lies fast asleep in his bed. A black gloved hand emerges from the darkness holding a needle filled with a BLUE serum. The needle is pricked into Mr. Kyte's neck.

NARRATOR (V.O.)

Now, the straw that broke the camel's back, the event that would soon lead to the end as we know it would be the mysterious assassination of Mr. Kyte himself, the beloved scientist, and accused Canadian spy, who rumour has it continued his research and made a ground breaking discovery that would have put PURE to rest.

Mr. Kyte's eyes jolt open, as he smiles to his death.

CUT TO:

31 EXT. FOREST OUTSIDE NUCLEAR WARHEAD STATION - DAY 31

Igby runs frantically through the forest and quickly hides behind a tree, holding a water gun close to his chest. TWO KIDS carrying water guns quietly surround Igby, like soldiers, they speak only in gestures.

NARRATOR (V.O.)

From this point on every nation across the board became insecure...Well, even more insecure than they already were. Alliances were broken. No one could be trusted. New alliances formed and new-found enemies emerged. All because of a natural phenomenon known only as PURE. Precipitation. Small molecules. All because of a single drop of rain; A remainder of one.

Guns are drawn. Water fires out of the gun towards Igby.

CUT TO:

32 EXT. NEWSPAPER STANDS - DAY 32

INSERT NEWSPAPER HEADLINES: "The End as We Know it", "Global Fear", "Trust No One", "Talk of WWII in White House".

NARRATOR (V.O.)

Shocking headlines were found in every newspaper stand, causing people to fear leaving their homes.

CUT TO:

33 INT. BIOLOGY CLASSROOM - DAY 33

Handwritten in chalk on the blackboard is "Today is Take Your Kid to Work Day!" Beneath this, written in red chalk, is "For Everybody else Today is: Darwin Day!". A video of Darwin's Theory of Natural Selection is played in the EMPTY class. Images are seen of animals and plants evolving and violent scenes of predators eating their prey.

NARRATOR (V.O.)

This Worldwide panic lead to teachers attending mandatory riot workshops, creating the largest take your kid to work day ever seen. It quickly and truly became a game of survival of the fittest. The strong prevailed and flourished, while the weak suffered, lived in fear and eventually became extinct. And slowly this fear grew and grew and grew...

CUT TO:

34 EXT. BUSY STREETS - DAY

34

Havoc hits the streets: People are fighting, yelling, breaking windows, and setting fire to garbage cans; images that are reminiscent of the Darwin video just seen.

CUT TO:

35 INT. NUCLEAR WARHEAD CONTROL ROOM - DAY

35

A black leather chair sits in an amazingly technical room filled with flickering colourful lights. The room is slightly damp from a nearby leak coming from the ceiling. Igby is sitting mesmerized by the light show. His innocent eyes gleam as he notices a large red button.

NARRATOR (V.O.)

It was only a matter of time before someone pushed the big bright red button. The button that would end it all. And eventually, someone did. And from that moment on it became known as the day the world attempted to annihilate itself because of a single drop of rain. In a time not too far away from now.

Igby looks over and sees a picture of HIS DAD AND HIM. A single drop of water falls from the damp ceiling onto Igby's small hand just as he curiously presses the red button.

CUT TO:

BLACK.

NARRATOR (V.O.)

But luckily for EARTH'S sake, someone had forgotten to plug in the chord.