

The image features a hand in a blue nitrile glove holding a petri dish. Inside the dish, there is a green agar medium with numerous small, circular, green bacterial colonies. A semi-transparent world map is overlaid on the petri dish, with the word 'BIOWEAPONS' written in large, bold, black capital letters across the top. The background is a blurred laboratory setting with a yellow-green tint. A jagged yellow line separates the top image from a solid black bottom section.

BIOWEAPONS

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Chapter 1 ATTACK

The year was 2001.
It was late September.
The US was on edge.
Terrorists had hit.
Planes flew into buildings.
Thousands died.
Even more were hurt.

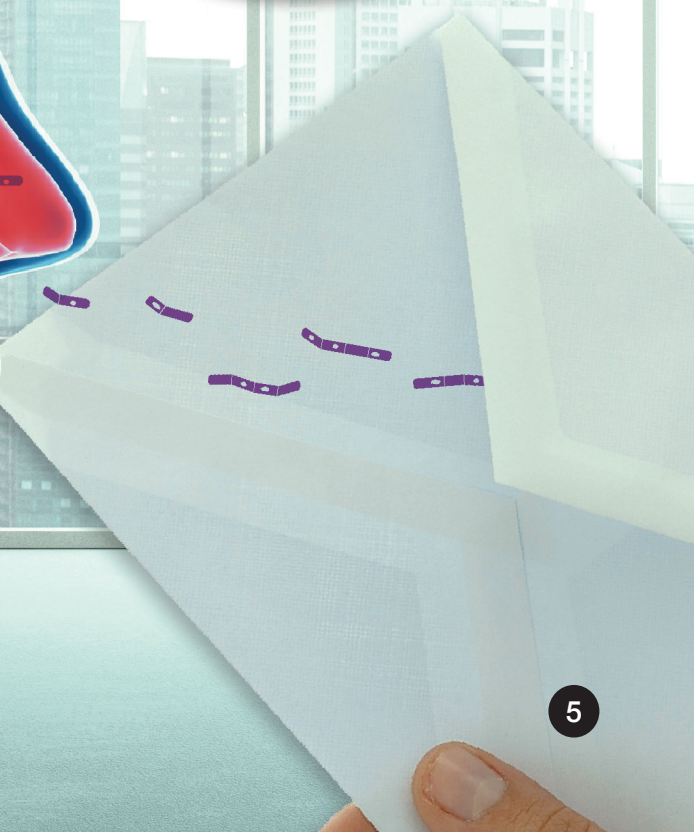
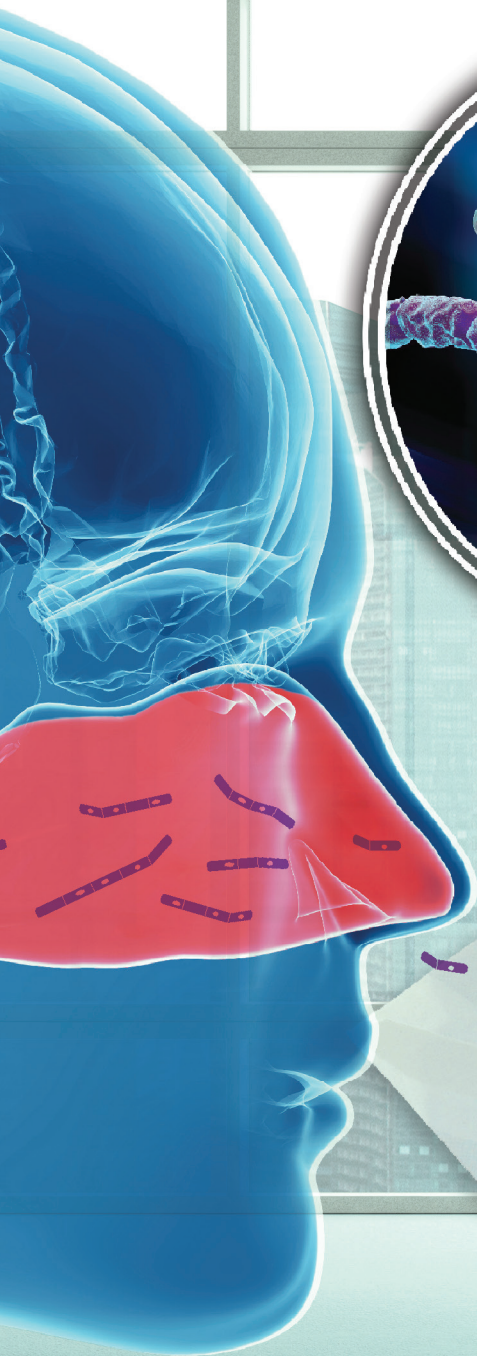
Life seemed to stop.
Planes were grounded.
People did not work.

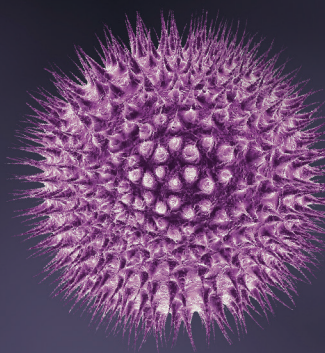
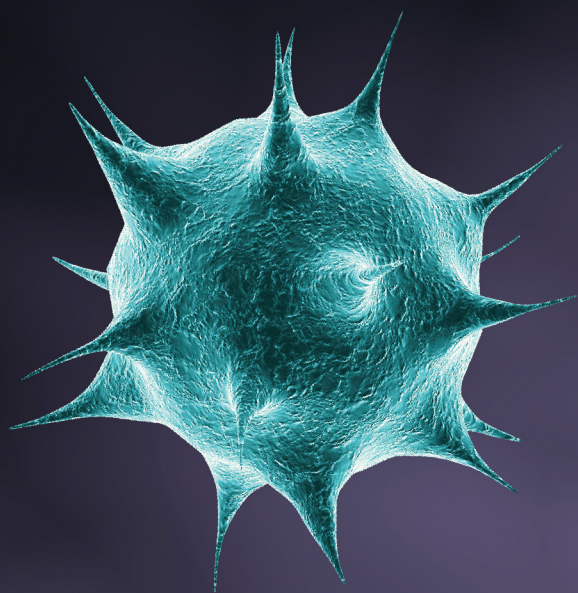
It was a week later.
Life was starting again.
Planes flew.
Most went back to work.
Mail was delivered.

Most mail was normal.
But some was not.
It carried a **germ**.
Anthrax was its name.
This makes people sick.
It can even kill.

The germ was from a lab.
Someone sent it.
This was on purpose.
The goal was to harm.

People opened mail.
The germ flew out.
It got into the air.
People breathed it.
Many got sick.
Some died.
The germ was a **bioweapon**.





Chapter 2

GERMS

Germs come in many forms.

A **virus** is one kind.

Bacteria is another.

Toxins are too.

So is **fungus**.

Germs can be good.

They help the body work well.

Some help the gut.

Others protect skin.



BIOWEAPONS

What are bioweapons?

Why do people use them?

When were they first used?

Have they been used in the US?

Are we in danger?

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