

## SLIDERS episode story by Steven Kriozere

### “Sole Survivor”

#### TEASER-

Sliders drive down a lush fairway in two golf carts. Comments include Rembrandt's shot out of the sandtrap on hole #368, Arturo's 40-foot putt for par on #418. In this world, LA has become one huge golf course/country club/resort. Quantum tunnel opens and they all slide, but not before not before “fore!”. Rembrandt almost gets hit by an errant shot...

Tunnel opens and the Sliders land on a deserted street at night. No electricity. The street is abandoned and is in a state of disarray. People emerge from the shadows and stagger towards them. All attempts by the Sliders to communicate with the shadowed people fail. The moonlight reveals the face of one, he's pale with whitened-dead eyes... A zombie!

#### ACT I-

Zombies attack, chase Sliders thru city.

Sliders barricade themselves in a building after fighting them off.

Zombies begin breaking in. Dawn arrives and zombies retreat. Timer lets Slider know they'll have to make way on this world for two more days (and nights).

Sliders walk thru city. Vacant. Discuss where to go and hide out until tunnel arrives. They go to a vacant grocery store and Arturo is met with a rifle barrel in the face.

*↳ to stock up on food*

#### ACT II-

Rifle barrel in Arturo's face. Rifle held by a non-zombie looking man who looks a bit haggard and crazed. He's ERIKSON and he asks the Sliders where they're from and how they survived the plague/zombies. Erikson doesn't trust the Sliders and forces them to load up his truck with supplies from the grocery store.

While driving we get the back story of this world and how a virus has turned everyone into a zombie. Erikson thought he was the only survivor, he's been alone in this world for 7 years. It's obvious that the zombie outbreak has taken a toll mentally on Erikson.

They return to Erikson's home which is a barricaded fortress. We see the insides and get a tour. A generator provides electricity. The Sliders inquire about Erikson's knowledge regarding the zombies. Erikson show the Sliders his real-life study-guide EMILY, his wife, a zombie whom he keeps locked up in the basement. She lies asleep, dormant, but once the sun sets, she, along with thousands of others, become a zombie.

The Sliders see that Erikson has hundreds of medical books and in his 7 years in the fortress since the virus he has dedicated his hours to searching for a cure and has become quite a hermatologist. He shows them a sample of Emily's tainted blood under a microscope and his take on the zombie-virus.

Sliders reveal who they are. Amongst themselves, the Sliders discuss taking Erikson with them, but not all agree.

They all head out in Erikson's truck on a fuel run. While traveling the truck breaks down as dusk approaches. They can't re-start the vehicle and flee on foot as zombies approach.

Wade is injured by a zombie who scratches her arm. They are able to hot-wire a vehicle and escape and return to the fortress.

Wade is not feeling well. Her wound festers; severely infected. Her arm has turned pale.

### **ACT III-**

Wade's condition worsens. Her blood is checked and show's similarities to Emily's, but the virus is not fully spread. Tension is created between Erikson and the Sliders when Erikson wants to lock her up or get rid of her. Paranoia ensues as Erikson thinks the Sliders are untrustworthy and, more importantly, infected.

Wade slips in and out of consciousness and tells Quinn to put her out of her misery if she becomes a zombie. She makes him promise.

Erikson wants blood samples and Arturo convinces Quinn and Rembrandt to comply. Erikson checks his sample and each Slider under a microscope. They're all clean.

Banging is heard from downstairs, it's Emily and she calls for Erikson hauntingly. Sliders and Erikson agree to pool their knowledge to seek a cure. Quinn checks on Wade. She is no longer in bed, she hides in the shadows and calls Quinn over. She says she's feeling better. Quinn approaches and we see Wade; her entire body is pale and her eyes are pale white and dead, like the zombies. She attacks.

### **ACT IV-**

Quinn fights off Wade as Erikson and the Sliders enter the room. She's subdued and they decide she must be locked up. Quinn remembers her "request" and is distraught as to what to do. Quinn says he'll stay behind with her if they can't make an antibody by the time the quantum tunnel appears.

With 3 new "uninfected" people's blood to work with Erikson and the Sliders get to work to try and develop a possible antibody.

Meanwhile, an infected Wade starts a fire in her room and the fortress' generator is destroyed. The fortress' defenses are down and someone must head outside and start the back-up. Erikson is enraged and wishes he never met them; he also wants to kill Wade and dissect her to possibly find a clue to a cure. Quinn volunteers to go outside.

Quinn heads outside and pulls it off with assistance from Arturo and Rembrandt.

A prototype serum is developed and they test it on Emily. She returns to normal, but only briefly. Erikson is crushed.

Wade gets the serum, it works because the virus is not as strong in her. Sliders offer for Erikson to slide with them. He won't leave his wife. He freaks out, takes the timer and threatens to smash it because he needs their antibodies to make a stronger serum for Emily.

It's dawn. The Sliders are tied up and try to talk sense to Erikson. Quinn has freed himself from his binds and considers using a piece of broken glass to attack Erikson. Erikson is about to destroy the timer, when vehicles are heard outside.

Erikson heads outside. Quinn frees the Sliders and they retrieve the timer. Outside 2 heavy armored vehicles drive down the street and stop upon seeing Erikson. The Sliders arrive outside. A rag tag group of survivors exit the vehicles. The group's leader,

CARTER, says they have been picking up survivors along the way and traveling south to Mexico where there are rumors of a sanctuary/haven.

Erikson talks of his wife and his need to stay with her. Carter lets Erikson know that he's not the only one who has suffered in this tragedy. Erikson decides to join them after discussing it with the Sliders. He says "Farewell" to the Sliders and his sleeping/hibernating wife, packs some stuff and joins Carter's group. The Sliders slide.

**THE END**

→ Wade reads Erikson's journal. Last 6 months of entries are nothing but scribbling that doesn't look anything like English.

→ Erikson visits gravesite on premises. It's his son's. He explains that the plague first infected the children. The gov. took them all & held them under quarantine at hospitals. Emily became infected & wanted to see her son again. Erikson broke into the hospital, a hall of horrors where the children were not being treated for disease, but rather, being used as lab rats! Erikson took his son home to his wife, but it was too late, she had transformed. The following day his son died, not from the plague, but rather whatever was pumped into him in his stay at the hospital.

- "no rape, no crime, no adultery" → "you mock our society, our world. Who do you think you are?" "I know who I am. I belong here. You & your friends do not." "For all I know someone else slide from another world & infected ours w/ this plague!"  
"When you slide did you ever think that you might be bringing something other than yourself?"

→ manequin room.

- ~~It~~ "It no longer <sup>was</sup> became a question of ~~where it came from~~ where it came from, but rather, how do we stop it?"

- Quinn infected instead of Wade  
- Someone else thinks there infected.