

Rainbow Six Study Guide

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Plot Summary

Rainbow is a newly formed anti-terrorism organization headquartered in Hereford, England, the same location as the British Secret Service base. This multi-national team consists of highly-skilled military and intelligence officers who are able to quickly mobilize when called upon for assistance. Rainbow is a "black operation" that stays in the shadows and only responds to a terrorist situation at the request of a country's government. The organization is led by former CIA agent John Clark, code name Rainbow Six.

John Brightling, the wealthy CEO of an American pharmaceutical company, Horizon Corporation, has secretly hired a former Soviet KGB agent, Dmitriy Popov, as a consultant. Popov's role is to instigate a new wave of terror incidents across Europe. Popov will accomplish this by offering large payouts to contacts from the old terror network with whom he dealt in the past. Brightling does not provide Popov with the underlying reason for this operation.

Popov does his job and stirs some old terrorists into action in several incidents across Europe, all dangerous situations involving hostages. Rainbow is called in and is able to take down the terrorists without harm to the hostages. Upon reviewing tapes of the incidents, Popov spots specific similarities convincing him that the "police" responding in the incidents are in fact actually a sophisticated para-military operation and not local law enforcement. At the same time, Rainbow suspects that there is a super terrorist behind the scenes stirring up the old terrorist network. Each side endeavors to discover the other, unwittingly working toward one another.

John Brightling and his dedicated group of followers are environmental radicals. They feel the earth is being ruined by humans and want to see it returned to nature and animals. Horizon Corporation has developed an Ebola-like flesh eating virus called the Shiva virus. The effectiveness of the virus is tested on humans nabbed off the streets of New York City. The diabolical plan is to spread the Shiva virus world-wide, eliminating most of mankind. Horizon has developed an anti-Shiva vaccine which will be administered to only a select few chosen by Brightling.

The target location for launching the deadly virus is at the Olympic Games being held in Sydney, Australia. A follower of Brightling, Bill Henriksen, is a security consultant who is attempting to win the security contract for the Olympic games. Henriksen plans to use the recent high-profile terrorists incidents as leverage in attaining this contract. Once attaining the security detail, Henriksen's people will plant the breathable Shiva virus into the cooling system. The infected athletes and spectators will travel back to their home countries and spread the highly contagious organism on a world-wide basis. There will be a new world order. Nature will be the dominant force on earth and man will be whittled down to just a select few True Believers.

Clark and Popov both make progress in discovering each other. Brightling and Henriksen become concerned that Popov's identity will be exposed and potentially



destroy their plans for the Shiva pandemic. Popov is whisked off to Horizon's new complex in Kansas where human survivors will gather after the epidemic is in full force. At the complex, Popov is finally able to learn the reason Brightling dispatched him to instigate terrorism and the full details of the Shiva Project. He is so appalled that he escapes and contacts John Clark. In the eleventh hour, Rainbow is able to thwart the vile plans of John Brightling.



The Set-Up

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John Clark, former Navy seal, is flying from the US to England. He is accompanied by his wife, Sandra, along with two associates. American Domingo Chavez is on board traveling with his pregnant wife, Patsy, who is also John Clark's daughter. Alistair Stanley, a Brit, is also present. All three men are veteran intelligence agents and colleagues and now are part of a newly-formed secret anti-terrorism team dubbed Rainbow. Just after taking off, three armed terrorists take over the flight. The Captain announces that the plane is being re-routed to Spain at the "request" of one of the guests. As they exchange knowing looks, Clark and his associates know full well the danger confronting the passengers and crew.

Feigning inebriation, Clark rises claiming he must use the restroom. As he exits the lavatory, Clark is able to subdue two of the terrorists with the help of Domingo (Ding), who has rushed to the front with handgun drawn. The third gunman is drawn out from the flight deck and apprehended. Clark does not fully explain his true identity to the flight crew. The pilot allows Clark to be patched into the FBI Director who is greatly relieved to learn that Rainbow Six and his men are on the flight. They divert to Canada landing there to turn over the suspects and catch a new flight.

In the meantime in New York City, a light blue van is picking up homeless men ostensibly to take to them to missions for a meal and a good night's sleep. However, the ten men are drugged and transferred to another truck and transported to Binghamton, NY where five of the men receive an unknown injection.

The Set-Up Analysis

In this introduction, Clancy sets the tone of his story and defines the strength of the main character—John Clark. Clark is smart, wily, and fearless. He is a seasoned veteran who easily assesses a situation and does not hesitate to take action. It is obvious that Clark's brave son-in-law will also be featured in this tale of covert agents dealing with overt terrorism. One can only take from this introduction that many challenges await the newly-formed Rainbow Team and that these men will be ready for them. The obvious relief of the FBI Director that Rainbow was aboard the hijacked plane indicates that Clark's abilities are held in high regard. A foreboding tone is set by the mysterious van picking up homeless men in New York. One can be sure that these two tales will meet somewhere in this story. No logical connection is yet apparent.



Chapter 1, Memo

Chapter 1, Memo Summary

The creation of Rainbow is the brainchild of John Clark, a 30-year CIA veteran. In a memo to his superiors, he outlines the need for the counter-terrorism unit. Clark bases his reasoning on current conditions. Since the fall of the Soviet Union, the gravest risk to the western world is the proliferation of experienced and highly-trained international terrorists. Rainbow will be devoted to seeking out these dangerous individuals and eliminating them.

Rainbow headquarters is located in Hereford, England, also the base for the British Secret Service. On the first day, John meets his office staff and is ushered into his large new office by Alistair Stanley. John does not feel comfortable in a "suit," vowing that he will be spending time in the field. Major Ding Chavez, is the Commander of Team Two, Rainbow. The unit has an international make-up consisting of Brits, Americans, a German, and a Frenchman. Ding is impressed by the obvious fitness and shooting abilities of his men. He secretly hopes he can keep up.

The homeless men absconded off New York City streets wake to find themselves in a nice, clean facility with a breakfast buffet and as much liquor as they desire waiting for them. One of the hosts explains that his company is conducting a study and it is hoped that they all will stay and participate. The liquor that is available in unlimited quantity is laced with undetectable drugs. Some of the men shower and shave and look human "for the time being." Doctors are secretly observing the men on TV monitors agreeing that morale would suffer if they let one die too soon.

The heartless doctors—Killgore and Archer—view the subjects as unimportant and dispensable. In fact, Killgore has more feeling for his lab rats than he does these sub-humans. According to the company memo, they are to be fed and cared for and allowed to drink as much liquor as they like. These subjects were chosen for this study since no one would miss them.

Chapter 1, Memo Analysis

The reader is let in on the thoughts and feelings of the two leaders—Clark and Chavez. Clark is not comfortable in an administrative position. He would prefer to be out where the action is. For Ding's part, he is described as small in stature compared to other members of his team. Keeping that in mind, he at first feels somewhat inferior at the team's first work out and target practices. Although he is small, he has made it to an important command position, which illustrates his tenacity and strength of character.

Not surprisingly, there is a diabolical plot involving the kidnapped men. All the men have drinking problems but are encouraged by doctors to drink as much as they want, which, of course, is atypical advice from physicians. The men are seduced into participating in



the research by the free and flowing liquor spiked with depressants that could only deepen its addiction. The doctors leading the research are depicted as cold and calculating, almost enjoying the work that apparently will lead to the death of their subjects



Chapter 2, Saddling Up

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Major Chavez and his Team 2 men continue to hone their skills and are spending time amassing important photos and dossiers of dangerous and wanted terrorists. They are practicing various scenarios including dealing with hostages held in a building and with terrorists on a commercial aircraft. Much to Chavez' dismay, Clark indicates that Team 1, Rainbow, commanded by Peter Covington is so far out performing Team 2.

Meanwhile, in New York City, Dmitriy Popov, a former Russian KGB agent, is meeting with an unnamed American. The American has hired Popov as a consultant at annual salary of \$100,000. The American dispatches Popov to courier \$500,000 to a contact in Paris.

Chavez and his team enhance their skill set with the practice of risky insertion drops via chopper zip-lines. Rainbow gets notified of a current hostage situation at a bank in Bern, Switzerland. The government of Switzerland has an agreement with Rainbow. Once a situation is escalated beyond the capacity of local law enforcement, Rainbow is to be called in. The situation is adjudged as such when one of the hostages is murdered, his bleeding body pulled onto the sidewalk. Rainbow 2 gets the call and are choppered to Gatwick and jetted to Bern. Senior staff member, Dr. Paul Bellow, psychiatrist and negotiation specialist, and Field Commander Alistair Stanley are on hand to provide support.

Chapter 2, Saddling Up Analysis

The constant, repetitive training and exercise routines serve to underscore the high level of fitness and dedication achieved by Rainbow team members. This chapter introduces the skill of rope drops from a copter into a building planting the idea that this maneuver may well be required in the future.

Dimitriy Popov, former KGB, is introduced as a consultant hired by an American who is not named nor described. The mystique of the American adds a layer of complexity that begins a new thread into the story. Adding a character who is a former KGB agent lends an ominous perspective to the relationship. The collaboration of an American with a former Russian operative does not bode well for the side of "good." Rainbow's first assignment in Switzerland establishes the ground rules for Rainbow's mobilization. Rainbow is called in only at the behest of the country's government—they do not act as an independent entity. The Bern incident showcases their ability to quickly respond.



Chapter 3, Gnomes and Guns

Chapter 3, Gnomes and Guns Summary

Able to patch into a satellite, Clark and Tawney watch TV coverage of the scene at Bern. Brit Peter Covington, Rainbow 1 Commander, and an experienced hostage negotiator, is not hopeful of a positive outcome. The intruders are already murderers. Chavez learns from the Swiss police official that there are four terrorists who presumably are German. During the drive Chavez is thinking over what lies ahead for his unit. Although the men are strong, brave and highly trained, this is the real thing—blood would inform their accuracy rather than laser beams. The credibility of Rainbow was falling on his shoulders. The team is driven to a secondary school near-by where they don black pullovers with "POLEZEI" on the back. The uniform will enable them to blend in with other law enforcement.

From Hereford, Rainbow's electronics wizard, Tim Noonan, is able to quickly transmit blueprint plans of the bank building to three computers the team has brought with them. A witness is able to identify the terrorist leader as Ernst Model, who is considered very dangerous and suspected of murder and kidnapping. In the crowd of on-lookers gathered outside is Dimitriy Popov. He is surprised at how well trained the Swiss police are. He recalls how Ernst demanded to see the money, some \$600,000 in d-marks, before accepting the assignment. Based on the obvious alacrity of the police response, Popov is doubtful that Ernst will see it again.

Bellow assesses the terrorist leader as a dangerous sociopath whose threats must be taken seriously and concludes that an assault resolution will be necessary now or in the morning. Tim Noonan positions small video cameras at optimum spots in doors and windows. The video feed reveals twenty to thirty hostages seated on the floor and three men standing over them with assault rifles. Ernest informs the police that a hostage will die in 30 minutes unless a car arrives to take the gunmen to a copter. After that a hostage will be killed every 15 minutes.

Chavez and three team members crawl to the front of the building while three others are ready at the back. Irishman Paddy Connolly detonates an explosive on the rear door demolishing the heavy steel barrier. Seconds after Rainbow members set off flash-bangs that shatter the front glass door. Rainbow members enter the building and within minutes kill all four terrorists. All the hostages are safe. As is his habit, Connolly lights up his pipe as he emerges from the scene. Popov drives to a pre-arranged safe house where a young German man is holding the pay-off money and awaiting the return of his compatriots. As the young man grieves over the loss of his friends, Popov plants a bullet in the back of his head and takes the black leather bag containing the 600,000 d-marks.



Chapter 3, Gnomes and Guns Analysis

The reader learns that not only is Rainbow tough and brave, they are high-tech and sophisticated as well. Tim Noonan is introduced as a computer geek who can quickly supply needed information and create video feeds from integral locations. Dr. Bellow provides insight into the terrorists' thoughts and motivations illustrating that Rainbow relies on much more than true grit. Chavez is introspective as his team approaches the scene. With the intensive training, there is no doubt that his men are physically prepared. But this isn't a training exercise—it's the real thing. The entire credibility of Rainbow is falling on Chavez' shoulders. Although conditions may call for quick response, discussions and analysis by senior Rainbow staff exemplify that their acts are predicated upon much consideration and deliberation.

It is obvious that Popov's first assignment from his American employer involves the terrorist incident at Bern. He is impressed and surprised by the reaction of the police but unaware that they are not police. Staying true to the KGB stereotype, Popov is cold and calculating. When the thugs he hired are killed, his first reaction is to steal the money his employer paid them and kill the young man who stands in the way. The fact that Popov is clever and treacherous leads one to wonder how long will it be before he discovers the existence of Rainbow as a new force on the scene.



Chapter 4, AAR

Chapter 4, AAR Summary

Back in Hereford, Team 2 is congratulated with only slight problems noted. As Chavez falls asleep he re-lives the incident. He reviews in his mind the killing of the gunmen and is certain that appropriate measures were taken by his team and that the killings were in compliance with Rainbow rules and could not have been avoided. Popov is also in his bed in his hotel. He is assessing his situation. Although the gun-men he hired were killed, Popov is gloating over his success. He never thought of defecting while he was in the KBG, but he always envied the opportunities for personal wealth and the good life that capitalism offered. With another job or two like the Bern bank one, he would be set as long as his employer is willing to pay that much for fools.

Carol Brightling, scientific advisor to the President, is attending a dinner at which many of the Washington elite are present. Carol's ex-husband, Dr. John Brightling, is across the room. She makes sure she avoids him. Divorced from John for over ten years, she still has feelings for him. Dr. Brightling is the head of Horizon Corporation, a company experimenting with DNA restructuring. His company is working on a cure for cancer and researching human longevity and beyond. He contends that the new Holy Grail for the medical community is human immortality.

Dr. Killgore is observing that the drink and sedatives are keeping the subjects subdued. Tests have revealed that some of the men have cancer, HIV, liver or kidney failure or other serious conditions. But these diseases will not affect the research project. One of the security guards dubbed the subjects "the kids" and it stuck. To Killgore, "the kids" were not more than lab rats.

Chapter 4, AAR Analysis

The reader is able to understand the thoughts of the good guy and the bad guy as they reflect on the Bern incident. This insight shows Chavez to be a scrupulous fellow who wants to perform his duties within the parameters of the rules set forth for Rainbow. The incident was a success, but there is a hint that Chavez would have felt better if the killings could have been avoided. For Popov, although the core mission of the terrorists was a failure, the overall endeavor was a great financial success for him. This internal view of Popov confirms that he is egocentric and greedy. Popov is a one-dimensional villain devoid of human feeling.

Two new doctors are introduced. One is Carol Brightling, Scientific Advisor to the President, and her ex-husband John Brightling, who is head of an apparently cutting-edge pharmaceutical corporation. This cursory introduction of the doctors portends the probability of a more dynamic presence as the story unfolds. The ruthless attitude of the other doctors in the story, those conducting the strange research project, is enhanced

by their heartless conclusion that their test subjects are unhealthy and nothing more than lab rats.



Chapter 5, Ramifications

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Popov deposits his 600,000 d-Marks in a Swiss bank. Although he will be traveling to the States on his American passport, he is still in possession of several Russian Federation passports with the same photo but different names. In New York City, Bill Henriksen, international terrorism expert is interviewed on Fox about the hostage incident in Bern. Henriksen confirms to the anchor that his company, Global Security, Inc. trains SWAT tactics to veterans of Delta Force, the FBI, and other international organizations. After the taping, Henriksen makes a mental note to find out who trained the Swiss police. Whoever it was presents serious competition to his company.

In Washington, Carol Brightling thinks over her position as a senior advisor to the President. She is well aware that the President is not an environmental president and is not inclined to take her advise. But her position gives her access to the media and the chance to pursue her own agenda. In her office Carol reviews material for a position paper on nuclear arms that she is preparing and which she knows the President will reject without review. Back in New York, Popov meets with his employer who is not disturbed by the failed Bern venture. Popov indicates it was impossible to recover the payoff money. The employer is not concerned as he considers the amount trivial. His employer tells Popov he will be needing him for another operation. Popov makes a mental note to dig around and find out more about his boss.

Chapter 5, Ramifications Analysis

It is revealed that Popov is using an American passport but has other aliases he can rely on when necessary. His years as a KGB agent undoubtedly taught him to trust no one other than himself, a mindset that is not easily shed. His American employer does not know about his other identifies which underscores his lack of loyalty to his new boss as attested to by the fact that he lies to his boss about the missing pay-off money.

Terrorism expert and former FBI agent Bill Henriksen is the owner of a company that trains law enforcement organizations in anti-terrorism tactics. Henriksen is puzzled that some company he was not aware of may have trained the Swiss police. It is bothering him that he, in a high-profile position, is caught off guard by some new competition. Carol Brightling is not a happy employee. She sees her boss, the President, as narrow minded and her position as untenable.



Chapter 6, True Believers

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Two research doctors, Maggie and Steve, are developing a tissue-eating, Ebola-like organism created from using genetically-engineered technology to graft colon-cancer genes into the host organism. Thus created, the organism is robust and impervious to UV and other environmental elements. Maggie names their product the Shiva virus.

Out in Montana's Bitterroot Mountains, Mark, a bio-chemist is visiting Foster, a retired geologist. Foster is a rugged fellow who now hunts and fishes in the land he purchased with his retirement package from Exxon. Foster is suspected of killing a fish and game cop, though there is no proof. Foster's retirement was spurred on by his observation of the "brown smudge" he could see from his many flights around the world. Foster believes to his great consternation that the smudge is ruining the atmosphere. The land he purchased is sitting on a gold mine. Foster shows Mark several large nuggets which are forged with fragments of quartz adding dazzle to the gold. Mark and his associates are looking for good gun men. Mark suggests to Foster that there may be a way to remove the smudge.

In Germany, Popov discusses his next assignment with two prospective operatives—Hans Furchtner and his lady friend, Petra Dortmund. Hans and Petra are wanted for a number of crimes including the kidnapping and murder of an American soldier. They have been able to escape capture by altering their appearances and living as artists in the mountains south of Munich. Popov indicates that the goal of the mission is to obtain access codes to international trading systems. Popov appeals to their anti-capitalism bent. The pair accept the assignment and settle with Popov on the pay. As Popov drives off, he ponders the fate of the Germans whose mission it is to kidnap an Austrian banker. He doubts the Germans would be successful but that would depend on the capabilities of the Austrian police.

Coincidentally, Rainbow has some computer-aged photos of Furchtner and Dortmund. Chavez asks Bellow if this pair could still be together. Bellow indicates that terrorists like this pair usually form bonds based on their common ideology and their murderous act together. To give Chavez more insight into the terrorist, Bellow loans him a book titled *The Enraged Outlook: Inside the Terrorist's Mind*. Chavez thinks to himself that the best thing about the inside of a terrorist's mind would be a 10 mm hollow-point bullet.

Chapter 6, True Believers Analysis

The research doctors are testing the efficacy of an ugly genetically-engineered flesh-eating virus. The impending horror unknowingly facing the kidnapped test subjects is becoming all too clear. The spooky research doctors seem to have more affection for their pet virus than they do for human beings. The purpose of this research is still an



unknown. The introduction of Foster, a rough outdoors man, brings the environment front and center as an issue. The subject was first mildly broached by the character Carol Brightling. Since the subject of the environment is launched with a new, rather vile character, it may foreshadow a negative angle to an otherwise innocuous subject matter. An ominous chord is struck in that Mark and his associates are rounding up gunmen—for what purpose? No reason is hinted at but such an activity could only be nefarious in nature. There is no connection as yet between this episode and the heroes of the story.

The terrorists Popov hires for the next job are of the ideological ilk. Popov uses some psychology by appealing to their abhorrence of capitalism. His duplicitous nature is readily apparent as he privately thinks the terrorists will not be successful and may well wind up dead. Although part of Chavez strives to understand the mind of the terrorist; in actuality, he sees the most simplistic solution to terrorism is in killing the terrorists.



Chapter 7, Finance

Chapter 7, Finance Summary

The über wealthy financier and monetary trader, Erwin Ostermann, works out of his large, palace-like home outside Vienna. Furchtner and Dortmund arrive at their destination in their rented Mercedes. They pose as visitors with several of their hired gunmen right behind them dressed as deliverymen. As they enter Ostermann's office holding the butler at gunpoint, one of Ostermann's assistants furtively pushes a silent alarm. Furchtner demands Ostermann's personal access codes for the trading network. Ostermann replies that access is public and such personal codes do not exist.

Team 2, Rainbow is on a flight heading for the Ostermann estate having been called in by the Austrian government. The police have made phone contact with the intruders, who are demanding release of a list of political prisoners provided by the intruders. They are demanding a jet liner ready to depart at midnight to a yet-unnamed destination. The police ostensibly acquiesce to the demands by providing a helicopter on the copter pad located on the grounds.

Rainbow member Mike Price poses as part of the copter crew. Long-riflemen Weber and Johnston are staked out at cross positions to the copter pad. Other Rainbow members are scattered around in the grass out of sight in the dark. As the terrorists emerge holding their hostages at gunpoint, Rainbow members go into action and quickly take out all terrorists leaving the terrified hostages safe and unharmed. Connolly lights up as he walks away from the mansion.

Chapter 7, Finance Analysis

Rainbow's prowess is highlighted by another successful encounter with terrorists. Having to deal with hostages being held in a large mansion is a new challenge for the group, but their flexibility and quick-thinking leads to a good outcome. As for the terrorists, they were apparently led astray by Popov. The "secret codes" they were told to get from Ostermann are non-existent. This contradiction illustrates that Popov's employer has a yet-to-be-revealed purpose in instigating these terrorist incidents. In this chapter, a second reference is made to Rainbow member Connolly lighting up his pipe after an incident. There may be some significance attached to his smoking a pipe, especially since Connolly is a minor character and not much else is known about him.



Chapter 8, Coverage

Chapter 8, Coverage Summary

Research doctors Maggie and Steve discuss Project Shiva. The weight and size of the microns containing the virus are such that they float and can be inhaled much as secondary smoke. The body breaks down the coating enabling the viral strands to go to work. Subject 4, Chester, is in deteriorating health and has only a week or two to live based on the Shiva antibodies found in his blood. Chester's case indicates that the epidemic will break out unevenly depending on the health of individuals. That will cause a run on the vaccines that Steve Berg is developing. Vaccine "A" will be widely distributed while "B" will be given to only those who are supposed to survive.

Clark and senior staff review the take-down in Austria. All agree that the unit needs its own copter. Faced with a large building as in the Austrian incident, a copter could have dropped team members onto the roof. John Clark agrees to contact the CIA Director in Washington about the need for a copter, preferably a Night Stalker. Chavez recommends obtaining a cell phone scrambler to limit the terrorists' abilities to communicate.

Team 2 has had two incidents with no hostage casualties. Clark fears that the men may become complacent and over-confident. The men aren't trained to be supermen or gods but to the contrary are expected to perform like them. Tawney, the veteran British intelligence officer, is becoming suspicious about the incident. Since the terrorists were asking for access codes that are non-existent, someone else must have been behind it, hiring these terrorists as "hired guns" for some unknown reason. Tawney plans to investigate further. His instincts tell him he is on to something.

Chapter 8, Coverage Analysis

More is revealed about the deadly virus being concocted in a research lab in New York state. Two facts indicate that this virus is designed to thrive far beyond the research lab. The virus has been developed as breathable, which depicts its ability to infect in a stealth manner. Killgore concludes that the "epidemic" will be spread unevenly depending upon the subject's health. Both revelations point to an evil intent on the part of its developers, but still no overarching reason for developing the virus is provided. Vaccines are being developed against the virus. Vaccine B will be given to those who will live. That leads one to believe that Vaccine A must not be effective begging the question as to why an effective vaccine is being developed. The "deadly virus" portion of the story becomes more robust in this segment, foreshadowing future grave and wide-spread ramifications.

Tawney, the British intelligence expert is starting to believe that someone may be stirring up terrorists behind the scene. This is the beginning of a thread that may lead Rainbow to uncover the involvement of Popov and his employer in the recent terrorist activity.



Chapter 9, Stalkers

Chapter 9, Stalkers Summary

Clark's request to the CIA for a dedicated helicopter is approved. Lt. Colonel Daniel Mallory is assigned to Hereford as commander of the first copter unit for Rainbow. Clark and Chavez debrief Mallory on Rainbow and his prospective role with the secret unit.

Chester, Subject 4, is in a morphine-induced semi-conscious state as Archer injects potassium into his IV. Within minutes, Subject 4 is gone. Dr. Archer emphasizes the need for healthy subjects—all their current subjects are sick. Killgore visits Steve Berg to check on progress on the Shiva vaccines. He instructs Berg to set up an aerosol control test—a test that would infect groups of monkeys with and without vaccines. Steve feels awful about potentially killing the monkeys.

Popov meets with his employer. His curiosity is getting the better of him asking his employer what exactly is he getting out of the failed endeavors. The employer will not tell him at this time. Popov leaves the building walking the few blocks to the NYC library. He's decided to do a little research on his employer.

Chapter 9, Stalkers Analysis

The research doctors inject one of the dying subjects with a fatal dose of potassium with no apparent qualms about committing murder or being criminally liable. They appear to be operating within their own laws. Dr. Archer is disappointed with the current lot of unhealthy subjects. This plants that seed that perhaps healthier subjects may be the next kidnap victims. Berg the vaccine developer is told to test an aerosol delivery system of the virus on monkeys, supporting the point hinted at earlier that the plan is to pass the virus by air. Berg, like his colleagues, is more concerned about killing lab animals than humans. It is obvious that those involved in the Shiva project share a dedication to a higher purpose beyond that of just doing one's job.

Chapter 10, Diggers

Chapter 10, Diggers Summary

Popov reviews the vast amount of material available at the library on his employer. It fails to tell him much beyond what he already knows. There is nothing that connects him with any international terrorism. Popov knows that what he is involved in is criminal and therefore keeps a bag packed and his alternative passports in readiness for flight abroad. Tawney continues his investigation. His only conclusion thus far is that a terror network is alive and well and that there is someone roaming around the planet who knows how to mobilize them.

Carlos the Jackal, aka Ramirez Sanchez, is unhappy with solitary confinement life in Le Sante prison. He is growing weary of being in prison and dismayed that the whole world knows that the Jackal is caged forever. When he sees his attorney, Carlos gives him a name and number to call. He tells the attorney to tell this person he wants to get out of prison.

Popov is able to obtain video tapes of the recent incidents he had instigated. He is impressed with the reaction of the police in each case and does not see anything remarkable. In the Bern tape he notices one officer lights up a pipe after the incident ended. The man who seems to be in charge of the police at the Austrian incident looks small in stature—similar in size to the commander of the Swiss police. After the hostages are safe and as the officers begin to leave the mansion, one officer is walking along smoking a pipe.

At a popular singles bar in Manhattan, Kirk Maclean strikes up a conversation with Ann Pretloe. Ann is 23 years old and has just moved to New York City. They spend most of the evening together dancing and drinking. Ann drinks more than Kirk, and he insists on driving her home. They drive down a street where a light blue van is parked. He stops telling Ann he knows the driver. The driver jumps down and sprays Ann's face with ether. The driver carries Ann into the truck where she joins another unconscious victim picked up earlier. Kirk figures that with the subjects he and his co-workers picked up tonight that this most dangerous part of the operation is probably complete.

Chapter 10, Diggers Analysis

Carlos the Jackal, a famous terrorist, is in prison and wants out. He has his lawyer contact someone who can help him. This person is not mentioned, but the person could either be Popov's employer or an individual yet to be introduced. Popov does not trust the situation knowing that what he is involved in is his criminal. He is prepared to flee if his activity is exposed. As usual, Popov's loyalty is to himself. Popov views tapes of the recent terrorists attacks. Though Popov does not react at the time, both tapes show one of the "local cops" smoking a pipe after the incident is resolved. From this the reader



knows it is just a matter of time before the Popov makes the connection between the two supposedly separate groups of police officers. It is uncertain what Popov will do with the information but it points to an end to Rainbow's anonymity and perhaps even their effectiveness. As in the first chapter, a light blue van is kidnapping people off the streets of New York. This time a young man seduces a healthy young woman, no doubt on doctor's orders.



Chapter 11, Infrastructure

Chapter 11, Infrastructure Summary

Kevin Mayflower, President of the Sierra Club, is visiting Carol Brightling in the Washington DC office. They are having a heated discussion over a bill that will allow for new drilling in Alaska. While Kevin is adamant that she must convince the President to veto the bill, Carol thinks to herself that there is a solution but doubts that Kevin would be up to join the real fight. Recruitment is always a problem even for true believers like Kevin.

In a remote area of Kansas, General Contractor Charlie Hollister is scanning the large complex of new buildings that is almost complete. The state-of-the-art environmental control systems are on par with Navy nuclear sub-marine standards. Hollister knows that vaccines will be produced in the building so the extra environmental concerns make sense. The roads leading up to the building are built to handle a jumbo jet landing.

The Shiva Project now has 11 healthy subjects, 8 women and 3 men. Their food is laced with Valium to keep the subjects subdued. Dr. Archer tells Subject F4, Mary, that she had signed up for the research project. Mary feels doopey and doesn't recall signing up. Archer has her pass through an area that will spray a cool refreshing fog on her. On the other side of the facility, Killgore is examining Pete, who is having severe pains in his stomach around the liver area. Killgore injects Pete with a generous dose of heroin to ease the pain. The 8 remaining sick subjects and the 11 new healthy subjects will provide a fair test of both the transmission of the virus and the viability of the anti-virus vaccine. As Killgore leaves to go home he muses how man has tried to change earth but soon other men will soon change it back to its natural state. Pollution would be non-existent. Animals would no longer be fettered or killed; indeed, it would be soon and he and his colleagues would be there to see the transformation.

A group of young men have gathered in an outside cafe. They are making plans, the purpose of which is not described.

Chapter 11, Infrastructure Analysis

The tie-in to an environmental aspect to the story is solidified. In Carol Brightling's meeting with the Sierra Club President, several things are revealed. Carol is on board with the Sierra Club, which is considered by some to be a fringe environmental group (i.e. tree huggers). Is the President's scientific advisor at heart really an environmental activist? Moreover, a group exists for which this man could be recruited but which may be too extreme for even this overtly radical environmentalist.

A large, new complex has been built in Kansas. It is apparently connected to a medical research project, since vaccine research will be conducted there. Since the reader is aware of the on-going Shiva vaccine research, it is not illogical to assume that Shiva

research will be conducted at this new facility. Killgore envisions the perfect world that will soon be returned to nature. This is the first strong connection between the diabolical research doctors and their deadly virus and the environmental activist mind-set.

Chapter 12, Wild Cards

Chapter 12, Wild Cards Summary

Two of the young men plotting in Spain, Andre and Esteban, are hired as workers at World Park, which is an extravagant amusement park located outside of Madrid. The park is a top attraction for Europeans and people from all countries. On any given day the attendance is between 10,000 and 50,000. In Andre's position with the security force, he has access to areas and information which will help in the scheme he and his associates are plotting. After much planning and discussion, everything is set and the others drive south from France to Spain.

Rainbow is having an update meeting. Noonan has obtained a device that will prevent cell phone transmissions from inside or outside at the scene of a hostage situation. Tawney reports that the police departments are still investigating the incidents. From what he has learned, there is an active terrorist network. Malloy is comfortable with the new copter but recommends that medical response drills should be included in their practice routines.

Chapter 12, Wild Cards Analysis

A plot is being developed that involves a large amusement park in Spain. At this point, there is no connection to Popov or his employer, although their involvement could be revealed later. Since there is a segue from the plotting terrorists and Rainbow's progress, it is reasonable to assume that these two entities will soon meet.



Chapter 13, Amusement

Chapter 13, Amusement Summary

Although Popov has scoured the library and the Internet for information on his boss, he comes up with no answer as to why his employer hired him to unleash terrorists on the world to then only be killed. His KGB experience taught him to carry out his missions without question; however, in those instances he always knew the underlying purpose. In the current situation, he doesn't have a clue. But the money is good—what he earned as well as what he was able to steal—so he perhaps he should not concern himself and just plan on retiring soon to a warm beach somewhere.

The Basque terrorists check into their hotels located on the grounds of World Park. The men all have criminal backgrounds, but this will be their biggest and most important job—the freeing of Carlos the Jackal. The next day, a French company Thompson CSF is sponsoring a family day for their employees. There will be 600 employees and their families meeting at noon at the Castle. The children will be the terrorists' targets.

Chapter 13, Amusement Analysis

Popov is obviously an intelligent and able person and a survivor. Like most intelligent people, he has a natural curiosity. It is bothering him that he doesn't know why his employer wants to unleash the old guard terrorists. He tries to convince himself not to be concerned and enjoy the money. Since this seems to be his nature, he will no doubt keep trying to find out what his boss is planning. There is more evidence that the World Park plot is unrelated to Popov and his employer. This is the group that Carlos the Jackal had his attorney contact. Although not related to Popov, it is likely that this group will draw the attention of Rainbow if indeed the terrorists are successful in taking hostages.



Chapter 14, Sword of the Legion

Chapter 14, Sword of the Legion Summary

Thompson Company employees and their families are filing in escorted by six dancing theme park characters. Mike Dennis is watching the group from his office in the Castle on TV monitors. A short distance away, the Basque terrorists are gathering. Andre takes note of two little sick children in wheelchairs thinking that they would both make good hostages. Suddenly Dennis startles at a noise. One of the terrorists is blasting his machine gun in the air as his comrades draw guns from their back-packs. Rene is the head gunman and orders the others to begin selecting hostages. Andre makes sure he takes the two children in wheelchairs. As the terrorists and their hostages are led toward the Castle, an exterior command post is set up. The terrorists force the 35 children into the Castle. Due to the gravity of the matter, Rainbow is called in by the Spanish government. Rene provides the police with a list of political prisoners including Carlos the Jackal. They must all be released immediately and flown to Spain. If the demands are not met, they will start to kill hostages.

Rainbow quickly mobilizes and is on their way to Madrid. Upon arrival, Clark makes his way to the Command Center where a park engineer provides him with diagrams and blueprints of the park. One of the long-riflemen is positioned at the top of the tall Dive Bomb ride where he will have a bird's eye view into the Castle office. Noonan implements the cell phone jamming device to limit communication. Since the terrorists have access to TV monitors, Rainbow has to be careful with their movements about the park. Some members dress as park workers.

Dr. Bellow learns from the French Minister that his government will not negotiate for the release of Carlos the Jackal. Bellow stresses that these men are dangerous and feels their threats to kill the children are not empty. In an effort to gain control of the situation, Clark orders the Castle lights turned off. Rene calls the command center within minutes, promising to kill a child if the lights do not go back on. He will wait only ten minutes. In the meantime, Chavez and Covington do reconnaissance around the Castle. The building is very much out in the open, so Malloy will have to drop men onto the roof. Noonan spikes the windows with video cameras so Rainbow can see what is going on inside.

Ten minutes have passed and the lights are still out. Andre rolls out Anna, the little girl in the wheelchair, to the open courtyard. Andre tells Anna he is taking her to her mother. Andre quickly draws a pistol and shoots Anna in the back through the heart. Andre pushes her cart and it travels with the dead child to the bottom of the Castle entrance. Covington and Johnston both have aim on Andre as he returns to the Castle, but Clark tells them to hold fire. Rene calls Bellow and tells him to turn the lights on immediately or another child will die.



Chapter 14, Sword of the Legion Analysis

The group planning the plot at World Park theme park are Basque terrorists whose mission it is to have Carlos the Jackal and other political prisoners released from French jail. With several of their group employed at the park, they were able to learn the day that a large French company is holding a family day for their employees. The goal of the terrorists is to hold French children as hostages concluding that the act would provide optimum leverage with the French authorities. These ideological terrorists pose a greater threat than mere criminals. They are willing to put their lives on the line for their beliefs.

The cruelty of these men is epitomized when Andre purposely selects two children in wheelchairs because they would make good hostages. When Rainbow tries to take control of the fragile situation by turning of the lights, Andre selects the sick child Anna to slaughter and to convince the police to take their demands seriously. The stark cruelty of this group of terrorists is exemplified by the cruel act of killing a sick and frightened child in her wheelchair.



Chapter 15, White Hats

Chapter 15, White Hats Summary

Malloy and his chopper crew are on their way to the theme park. He refuels at a military facility and has the ground crew paint "POLICIA" on the side of the Night Hawk. Malloy and his crew arrive at the park and are hovering ready to assist. They spot a gunman positioned on the roof of the Castle. Rene contacts the command post and tells Bellow that hostages will be shot in three hours if their demands are not met.

Since the French government will not negotiate to release Carlos the Jackal, Rainbow must act quickly. To forestall any action from the terrorists, Bellow tells Rene that the Jackal is being released. In the subterranean area of the Castle, Peter Covington leads his men to the stairwell that leads to the offices above. Long-rifleman Johnston takes out the terrorist stationed on the roof of the Castle. Team 2 members are dropped on the roof. Chavez and Connolly slide down their ropes positioning themselves on either side of the window. Connolly places plastic explosives on the window.

Connolly sets off his explosion blowing out the window. Instantly glass is flying across the room and Rainbow units are crashing into the room. Team 2 takes out most of the gunmen without harming any of the children. One gunman tries to escape down the staircase but is taken out by Team 1 waiting below. Andre is able to run out to the courtyard. Johnston takes aim at Andre striking him in the liver and spleen thus causing a slow and extremely painful death. Team 2 exits the Castle, many of them carrying one or two small children. As is his custom, Connolly lights up his pipe as soon as he is outside. Rainbow's job is done and they leave the park for their journey back to Hereford.

Chapter 15, White Hats Analysis

Malloy disguises his Night Hawk helicopter by having it painted with "POLICIA" on the side. He is making an extra effort to ensure that Rainbow is seen as part of local law enforcement and is not exposed as a special unit. Rainbow has additional stress placed on them since the French government refuses to negotiate the release of the prisoners. Rainbow must act quickly and effectively. The terrorists have proven they will kill the children. Rainbow does not disappoint as they blast their way into the Castle room where the children are being held. They take the gunmen by surprise and are able to kill all the terrorists and save all the children. The long-rifle marksman would have been able to shoot Andre in the heart or head and kill him immediately. Rather, he shoots the gunman and makes him suffer—revenge for Anna, the little sick girl. Though this act is probably not sanctioned, it is totally understandable.



Chapter 16, Discovery

Chapter 16, Discovery Summary

In his New York apartment, Popov is watching this latest hostage incident. To his surprise, he sees one of the team members smoking a pipe after the all clear. He hurriedly views the tapes of the Bern and Austrian incidents and sees a man of roughly the same size also smoking a pipe after the take-downs. He looks for other similarities. He sees a small man at each incident who seems to be in charge. Although in each instance, the local police had been credited with the take-down, Popov has growing suspicion that a special operations unit is in force.

On the flight back to Hereford, John Clark reminds Johnston that his mission is to take the terrorists out not to serve as a vehicle of revenge. While Clark understands Johnston's feelings about the little girl mercilessly shot dead by the gunman, Johnston could have and should have killed him immediately. Team members discuss the potential value of coming out of the shadows. Chavez feels that their success would serve to make the bad guys think twice before they raise any hell.

Killgore sees that Pete is in real agony and fading fast. He has the subject moved to the clinical side where he gives him massive doses of painkiller. His IV is feeding him nutrients along with a whole host of antibiotics none of which are having a positive affect on the virus. Shiva continues to eat up Pete alive from inside. None of the medications are expected to work but have to be tested in case they did happen to be effective once the epidemic is begun.

Mary Bannister is beginning to feel sick but thinks it is just a minor, passing condition that will disappear. Mary joins Chip, another subject, in the lounge area. Dr. Archer is observing the subjects from a remote monitor. Mary has been given large doses of Valium and an inhibition reducer. Mary's blood work is such that she'll be symptomatic in a few days. The inhibition reducer kicks in and Archer watches Mary and Chip make-out and then have intercourse. Some in the project fear retribution and worse when word is out about the epidemic and their role in it. Archer is not concerned. She will rely on the facilities in Kansas and Brazil, which are both virtually impregnable.

Popov meets with his employer and plays the video tapes of the three recent hostages incidents showing the same pipe-smoking officer. Popov explains that this shows that an international anti-terrorism operation has been created to fight terrorism. Popov emphasizes that in order for him to work around this group, he must know what his employer's mission is. The man tells Popov he will think things over and consider his request.

As soon as Popov leaves, his employer makes a phone call to Bill Henriksen and asks him to stop by the office. When Bill arrives, John shows him the tapes of the three incidents and the similarities pointed out by Popov. John tells Henriksen to find out who



this group is and suggests that Popov may have to be eliminated. Henriksen cautions him. An experienced agent like Popov has probably left information tying his operations back to John. Bill reminds John that he will be traveling to Australia on a security consultancy. In the Spanish tape, Henriksen notices that the MH-60 copter being using painted with "POLICIA" on the side is actually an American military transport meaning that the group is a military outfit.

Chapter 16, Discovery Analysis

As was hinted at earlier, Popov makes the connection in the three recent terrorist incidents. He spots the pipe-smoking man and the small-in-stature commander. This is a significant discovery, which may lead to the group's exposure and perhaps even its downfall. At the same time, however, Rainbow members are discussing that their effectiveness may improve if they come out of the dark. A link is made from the Shiva project to the new complex in Kansas. It is now apparent that the developers of Shiva plan to spread the virus on a widespread basis. The heartless attitude of the research doctors is underscored with Dr. Archer watches two of their "subjects" have intercourse. She truly views these people as animals.

John Clark's admonishment of Johnston, the long-rifleman who shot Andre, shows John's dedication to the rules and mission of Rainbow. Even though he understands Johnston's feelings, Clark knows that sentimentality can have no part of their operation and in fact can serve to diminish it effectiveness. Clark shows similar resolve and leadership when he disallows his men from taking Andre out right after he kills the girl. In Clark's position, he must view the overall picture. Had he allowed his men to shoot the child-killer on the spot, other children may have died unnecessarily.

With the video tapes of the terrorist incidents, Popov convinces his employer that there is a special ops, anti-terrorism group operating in Europe. In this chapter, Popov's boss is suddenly referred to as "John" with no last name. A careful reader will make a connection to another John (other than Clark), who was introduced in an earlier chapter. This segment also establishes a connection to former FBI agent Bill Henriksen. They are obviously in collusion as they openly discuss the options of knocking off Popov. It is also apparent that "John" is superior to Henriksen as he orders him to find out who this anti-terrorism group is.



Chapter 17, Bushes

Chapter 17, Bushes Summary

Bill Henriksen contacts Gus Werner, Assistant FBI Director, to discuss the Spanish hostage situation. Henriksen suspects that Werner knows about the anti-terrorism unit but is not able to get him to reveal any information about it. To let Werner know he is on to the unit, Henriksen mentions that if they do not want the identity of the unit revealed they shouldn't try to disguise a military copter as a police aircraft.

After a Cabinet meeting, Carol Brightling cajoles Secretary-Treasurer George Winston into revealing the name of the top-secret unit in the Spanish hostage take-down. Upon returning to her office she contacts Ed Henley, CIA director, saying she wants to discuss Rainbow. The DCI is surprised that she knows about Rainbow. She learns that a former agent by the name of John Clark is heading the unit. Carol is pleased with the information she has been able to get. After all, that's why she wanted this job. Henriksen fears that the emergence of this new counter-terrorism team could threaten his Melbourne contract. The strategy in securing the Melbourne job is to bring attention to the possibility of terrorism attacks. With the Australian government witnessing several acts of terrorism in Europe they would be anxious to enhance their security. Perhaps Popov might be able to get more intelligence on the unit.

Drs. Archer and Killgore are discussing the few remaining winos. The Shiva virus is eating them up alive. None of the antibiotics are helping. Killgore has taken his injection of vaccine B. Archer intends to do the same shortly. Vaccine A is ready to go into wide-spread distribution. The plan is that if the virus is not spread adequately, Horizon will have vaccine (A) readily available for distribution. Since Horizon is known to be developing vaccines on Ebola-like viruses, it would not raise suspicions that Horizon has such a product. Placed under the microscope, Vaccine A would appear to have the expected properties. However, in reality it contains the lethal Shiva virus itself and will serve as the back-up for spreading the epidemic. Only select individuals will be given the real vaccine B, chosen by those whose skills and abilities are needed for the new world order. Subject F4, Mary, is infected, which confirms that the fogging delivery system works.

John Brightling meets with Henriksen and Popov. Brightling informs the men that the anti-terrorism unit is called Rainbow and it is headed by a former CIA agent John Clark. Rainbow is based in England but is multi-national thus the name "Rainbow." Brightling tells Popov to travel to England to find out more.

Chapter 17, Bushes Analysis

Henriksen uses his status as a former FBI agent to try to get information from the CIA director on the recent anti-terrorism activity in Europe. He's not successful but lets the



Director know that he is not buying the fact that they are European policemen. There are references to the contract Henriksen is attempting to secure in Australia. How the Australian element connects to the rest of the story is not clear. However, since Henriksen is in league with John Brightling, who is involved in illegal activity, Henriksen's motives in Australia are suspect. (John Brightling's full name is included in this chapter.)

We finally learn that the whole reason behind instigating the terrorist activity was to convince Australian authorities to enter into a contract with Global Security. Carol Brightling is curious about the deft reaction of various European police forces in recent terrorist activity. She learns the name of the unit and uses it to illicit more information. There is an allusion that she was duplicitous in securing her position in the administration. Brightling tells Henriksen and Popov that the counter-terrorism unit is named Rainbow, that it is headquartered in Hereford, England, and that John Clark is the leader. It is not spelled out how he learned this but a good guess would be that his ex-wife may have filled him in. Perhaps their relationship is not as acrimonious as was thought.



Chapter 18, Looks

Chapter 18, Looks Summary

Tawney has not made much progress on the intelligence side. It is still thought that someone may be recruiting the terrorists to come out of the shadows. Popov arrives in London and makes his way to a Hereford pub. He overhears references to the Rainbow unit. He asks some questions and learns that John Clark's wife is a nurse at the local hospital. Since it is felt that there may be a puppet master behind the terrorists, Clark and Stanley discuss the importance of taking a terrorist alive and getting him to talk.

Popov meets with Ivan Kirilenko at a pub near the Russian Embassy in London. Ivan is the top Russian resident agent in London. They are old colleagues and have not seen each other for many years. Popov tells Ivan he needs his help in gaining information about a former CIA agent named John Clark. He informs Ivan that Clark is heading a black anti-terrorism unit operating out of London. Ivan promises to look into it. The two Russians are unaware that they are being video-taped by British Intelligence Unit MI-5.

Chapter 18, Looks Analysis

The story is leading toward a confrontation between Rainbow and the individual who is orchestrating the terrorist activity. Unwittingly, they are working toward each other. Since MI-5 (British equivalent to CIA) is tailing Kirilenko, they may be able to help in their efforts to find those behind the terrorism. Potentially ominous is the fact that Popov learns where Clark's wife works.



Chapter 19, Searching

Chapter 19, Searching Summary

Kirilenko contacts a Russian desk officer in Moscow explaining that a former KGB agent is asking to exchange the information he has on former CIA officer John Clark with any information the Russians may have. Unbeknown to the Russians, their "secure line" is tapped by the CIA. The message is sent directly to the CIA Director. John Clark is notified immediately that there is a former KGB agent trying to get information on him. Rainbow recruits Cyril Holt, British Secret Service, for his help in tracking down the Russian agent. The FBI and CIA Directors realize someone within the government must have leaked the information about John Clark and Rainbow.

Popov meets a man at the pub near Hereford. Popov tells the man, who is a plumber, that he is a plumbing equipment salesman. The man agrees to meet Popov again and take him into Hereford to give him an edge in possibly selling his tools to the base. Kirilenko contacts Popov telling him he has the information Popov requested on John Clark.

Chapter 19, Searching Analysis

John Clark learns that a former KGB agent is asking around about him. Not good news for Clark but the information does confirm Tawney's suspicions that a Russian ex-spy could be behind the terrorism. The CIA and FBI are aware that someone has leaked the information about Rainbow but have not made the connection to Carol Brightling. As a senior advisor to the President, she is in a position of trust and would not be at the top of a suspect list. Popov is briskly moving ahead with his quest to learn more about Rainbow and its leader.



Chapter 20, Contacts

Chapter 20, Contacts Summary

Even in her drugged state, Mary Bannister knows she is very ill. One night she looks around her room for a phone. Not finding one, she quietly walks down the hall rolling her IV tree with her. Most of the other rooms are empty but she does find a computer in one of the offices. She logs on to her email account and sends a message to her father saying that she is sick and in a hospital but doesn't know the location. A security man, Ben Farmer, discovers that she is missing from her room finding her later still at the computer. She tells him that she just sent an email to her father to let him know she is ill.

Kirilenko passes the dossier on Clark off to Popov. The document provides information on Clark's background, education, and family. He has two daughters, one of which is married to Domingo Chavez, also a CIA agent. Might this Chavez be in the unit? Chavez' wife is a physician. It would be easy to learn if she is assigned to the local hospital. The next day, Popov meets the plumber, Ed Miles, for lunch prior to their drive to Hereford. Miles tells Popov that he has several small jobs to finish up inside the Hereford base. Miles is repairing a water cooler when they encounter John Clark. Popov's heart is beating fast in being within a few feet of Clark. After they finish, they drive around the area. Miles points out where Clark lives. Just as he does so, a woman dressed as a nurse is leaving the house. The woman is Clark's wife. Miles adds that they have a daughter who is a doctor and works at the same hospital as her mother.

Bill Henriksen is meeting with the top police and military officials of Australia. Henriksen discusses the expertise and surveillance equipment his company can provide. He uses the recent terrorist incidents to sell the idea that Australia needs to upgrade their security program for the upcoming Olympics. Skip Bannister is very worried about his daughter, Mary. He has not been able to reach her for many days. Finally, he receives an email message from her saying that she is very sick and doesn't know where she is. The poor spelling and grammar in the message make Skip think she's drugged. He is terrified and contacts the FBI.

Chapter 20, Contacts Analysis

There is a spark of hope that Mary Bannister might be saved from the deadly virus. Her father calls in the FBI when he receives a message from her that she is sick and perhaps has been kidnapped. Potentially the entire plot could be exposed with this turn of events. Popov is working his way into Rainbow headquarters and has found out more about Clark. We learn that the Australians want to beef up their security for the Olympics, and Henriksen is trying to sell them on his company. He refers to the recent terrorist activity to leverage his case.



Chapter 21, Stages

Chapter 21, Stages Summary

Killgore visits Farmer outside where the security guard takes care of injured owls and hawks. Farmer apologizes for not seeing Mary leaving her room. Killgore is not overly concerned. Mary does not know where she is and soon she won't be around any way. Killgore muses about the future when nature is able to re-take the earth. Perhaps in the future, families would travel to the dead cities to learn how man had violated the earth in the past. Vultures would do well for a while with all the dead bodies. The population of rats whose survival depends on human trash would decline. Humanity as the dominant force on earth would be replaced by the earth itself. Only a select group of humans would be there to see this wonderful evolution.

Popov calls the Hereford hospital and asks for Dr. Patricia Chavez. As the woman answers identifying herself as Dr. Chavez, Popov hangs up. This confirms to him that Domingo Chavez is part of Rainbow. He is satisfied that his trip is successful and returns to New York to meet with his employer. Bill Henriksen receives a call from the Australian authorities that his company Global Security will be awarded the security contract for the Olympics.

Skip Bannister meets with the Special Agent in Charge of the Gary, Indiana FBI field office. Agent Patrick O'Connor is in charge of the case on his missing daughter. Another young woman, Ann Pretloe, whose description is similar to that of Mary Bannister has also been reported missing. The detectives fear there may be a serial killer on the loose. Subject F5, Ann Pretloe and subject Chip Smitton are being observed by Killgore. Ann should soon be symptomatic. Chip had never been injected or fogged with Shiva but is now showing Shiva antibodies in his blood. This confirms that Shiva can be transmitted sexually. Killgore watches as the two have sex.

Chapter 21, Stages Analysis

The reader has insight into the mindset of Shiva project members. Dr. Killgore is more concerned about the population of rats declining than his young subjects dying at his hand. His focus on the new world order and distaste for anything short of it make him oblivious to the horror of which he is part. Like Dr. Archer earlier, Killgore seems to enjoy watching the dying young people engage in sexual acts. This voyeurism adds another sick dimension to these depraved individuals. Popov continues his sinister endeavor to expose and endanger Rainbow, its leader John Clark and Clark's family. His relentless and calculating efforts cannot lead in a positive direction for Rainbow 6.



Chapter 22, Countermeasures

Chapter 22, Countermeasures Summary

Henriksen is in Australia checking out the facilities. He inquires about the fog-cooling system. He is told that it was installed as a cheap way of cooling off the athletes. Henriksen fully understands how vital this system is for the project.

Popov updates John Brightling on his recent trip to Hereford. Clark's daughter is a physician and is married to Domingo Chavez another former CIA in Rainbow. She works with her mother, who is a nurse, at the local hospital. Rainbow is a serious threat to terrorist operations and have outstanding intelligence and operational support. With their intelligence ability, they could be aware of their involvement in the recent terrorist incidents. Brightling reasons that if Rainbow is a danger to the project, perhaps they should be taken out.

Henriksen is informed by Australian officials that they have invited Rainbow down for consultation on their security needs. On his flight back to Los Angeles, he worries about possible interference from Rainbow on the completion of the project. Perhaps with Popov's assistance, Rainbow can be dealt with directly before they had a chance to interfere. It is unsettling to Popov not knowing his employer's underlying mission. In all his years as an agent, he learned that people risk treason for only four major reasons: Money, Ideology, Conscience or Ego. Thinking through his dealings with his employer, he could not apply any of these motives to Brightling. There must be something more that he does not understand.

Chapter 22, Countermeasures Analysis

The fogging system to be used at the Olympics to cool off runners and spectators in the oppressive Australian heat is a focus of Henriksen's discussion with the Australian authorities. Mary Bannister was infected with the Shiva virus via a similar device at the research lab. The fact that this type of cooling system is available at the Olympic games suggests that there may be plans to use it as a delivery system for launching the Shiva virus pandemic. Brightling and Henriksen both have concern that the Rainbow team may destroy the project. That mindset coupled with the intelligence work Popov has been doing leads to the strong possibility that an attack on Rainbow can be anticipated.



Chapter 23, Overwatch

Chapter 23, Overwatch Summary

Popov, Henriksen and Brightling plot to develop a plan to bring the Rainbow team down. They plan to tap IRA terrorists to carry out the operation. Popov is very familiar with these rebels having dealt with them in the past. They are ideological in nature but are in dire need of money to continue operations. John orders Popov to travel to Ireland and make the proposal in person. John will pay the terrorists \$5 million.

John Clark tells Domingo that the Aussies have requested their help on security for the Olympics, so he will be sending a team down in a few weeks. They already have contracted a consulting company run by former FBI agent Bill Henriksen but just want some input from Rainbow.

Chapter 23, Overwatch Analysis

The Irish revolutionary group will be recruited by Brightling's group to cripple Rainbow and thus prevent their possible interference with the Shiva Project. A confrontation is in the works with the dispatch of a Rainbow team to the scene of the impending crime.



Chapter 24, Customers

Chapter 24, Customers Summary

After arriving in Ireland, Popov contacts Sean Grady, IRA leader. The two meet at a safe house, discussing first the deteriorated state of the IRA. Popov ultimately broaches the subject of the mission at hand. He tells Grady about Rainbow, the new counter-terrorism team based at Hereford. This unit is a threat to his employer's operation, so he wants them taken out. The wife and daughter of the group's leader both work at the local hospital in Hereford. The women could be taken hostage and used as bait to draw the Rainbow team out. Grady realizes the inherent risk involved and agrees to do the job for \$6 million and a large amount of cocaine—a way to make money in keeping their cause alive. Grady will have his plan complete in two weeks.

Henriksen is assembling his team choosing the best available. The "deliveryman" is Lt. Colonel Gearing a chemical weapons expert.

John Brightling visits the now-complete Kansas complex. Approximately 3,000 people will be housed there including some of his research staff not involved in the Project. This secondary group is making important progress on longevity. Perhaps he will live another 50 or 100 years or 1,000 years. John Brightling looks forward to the earth's renewal when he will be known as the man who saved the earth.

Chapter 24, Customers Analysis

As hinted at earlier, John's daughter and wife will be targeted by terrorists in an attempt to draw out and destroy the Rainbow team. Unlike the other terrorist activities instigated by Popov, a successful outcome for the IRA terrorists is his boss' goal. This chapter reveals that Brightling has more in mind than renewing the earth. Some of the researchers he is sparing are working on longevity research. He sees himself living for perhaps a thousand years and being known as the savior of the earth. This man is not only playing God, he is starting to believe it.



Chapter 25, Sunrise

Chapter 25, Sunrise Summary

Chavez is a perfect shot with his MP-10 submachine gun but decides he needs a little practice with his Beretta hand gun. Tim Noonan is practicing with his Beretta as well. His shots all land at the spot that would be the bottom of brain - the brain stem. Noonan tells Chavez about a new high-tech device that finds people by detecting human heartbeats. It will be quite an addition to their arsenal. Colonel Malloy is practicing taking off and landing at the hospital pad. A NYC police officer, Jeff, stops by the Turtle Inn Bar. Jeff shows the photos of the missing girls, Ann Pretloe and Mary Bannister to the bartender. Bob recognizes them as regular patrons but neither has been at the bar in weeks. Later, FBI Agents Sullivan and Chatham visit the bartender. They learn the names of several men with whom the girls had been friendly. One is a young man by the name of Kirk.

Popov meets with Brightling and Henriksen confirming that Grady and his men will do the Hereford job for \$6 million plus the cocaine. Grady is a wanted murderer of a British SAS agent and will measure his success by taking out the two main targets—the women—and at least several of the team members. Popov will fly to Switzerland and deposit the \$6 million in a numbered account. It strikes Popov odd when Brightling and Henriksen begin to question him about his feelings for nature and animals. Popov mentions he had always wanted to visit Yellowstone Park. John responds that places like Yellowstone are currently too crowded with tourists but that that would be changing. Popov finds it strange that the talk of terrorism had turned to one of nature and is surprised by his colleagues' level of intensity.

Grady is gathering his group together. They will outnumber Rainbow 15 to 10 and will have the element of surprise on their side. One of the men, Timothy O'Neill feels squeamish about killing the women, especially a pregnant one. Timothy will lead his group into the hospital while Grady and his team will cover the outside.

Chapter 25, Sunrise Analysis

Focus is on Rainbow honing their already laudable skills, perhaps intuitively readying themselves for a new and unexpected challenge. For the first time, Noonan is depicted as a sharpshooter. His people-finding device is also highlighted. Noonan's role seems to be expanding beyond that of the computer geek. The FBI agents looking for the missing girls in New York City have stumbled on to the name of one of their kidnappers. Popov confirms that he has closed the deal with Grady and the IRA to target the Rainbow unit. Grady is a ruthless killer underscoring the terrible situation planned for Clark's wife and daughter. In this segment, Rainbow is being set up as vulnerable and the underdog with the element of surprised used against them.



Chapter 26, Conclusions

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Before going on the morning run with his team, Chavez tenderly checks on Patsy. Patsy is very large and uncomfortable and looking forward to delivery. After his team's morning, Chavez reviews the agenda for the remainder of the day. The schedule includes a lecture by Noonan on the new high-tech radios, an intelligence update from Tawney, and long-rope deployment training from Malloy's helicopter. Chavez does not openly use the word "boring" but it is coming to mind. But Chavez knows that the repetitive training process makes his team at the high level of efficiency that is necessary for success.

As is customary with the IRA, Grady had buried his weapons six-feet under on a farm years before. The guns had been stored with oil paper to prevent rusting. He brings up the guns and selects 15 AKMS assault rifles, along with 330 round magazines. After a long practice section, Grady and his men gather at a local pub to relax and celebrate their impending mission and new-found wealth. Grady receives a call from Popov who tells him that the money is deposited and that he would be bringing the drugs over in two days. The plan will move forward.

Dr. Killgore visits Mary whose deathly pallor and facial hemorrhages are such that they do not allow her to have a mirror. As usual, Killgore gives her a blast of morphine for the pain from her insides being eaten by Shiva. Killgore thinks about the lab monkeys who were not able to have relief from their pain. He thinks ahead to Kansas and the need for lab animals. Some of the radicals are against using animals for medical research in Kansas. That would be a point of contention since research relies on lab testing of animals.

MI-5 has a very thick file on Sean Grady. He is still very much wanted by MI-5 for the torture and murder of several SAS agents some years back. Holt does his quarterly review and pauses at Grady's file. Holt is sure the terrorist is not dead but awaiting a chance to reappear. Holt places his paper documentation in a file where all the data will be placed into their computer system.

Brightling tells Popov that he is leaving for Ireland that night on a corporate jet. The drugs will accompany him and will be backed by documentation as a company transfer. Popov goes along with this plan but privately thinks that Brightling is making a mistake. Brightling is not only tying the cocaine to his company but he's connecting himself to Popov as well. Popov is the only link between Brightling and the terrorists if all the facts eventually surface.



Chapter 26, Conclusions Analysis

The image of a pregnant young woman near delivery time becoming a hostage at the hands of brutal murderers provides an extra measure of unease and distress to the story line. Chavez bids Patsy a tender good-bye on his way to his daily routine. Chavez is feeling the doldrums in the perfunctory daily schedule not knowing of course that he will soon face the challenge of his life. The "healthy" subjects are dying off from the Shiva virus. Killgore is consistent in his non-caring mindset for his victims. The only sadness he shows is his regret that his lab animals had to die in pain, unlike the humans who have the benefit of morphine. Although Holt and the British SAS are assisting in Rainbow's intelligence gathering, their level of technical expertise lags sadly behind that of the U.S. Grady's profile has yet to be added to their database and exists only in an old, thick paper file. The bright and experienced Popov sees that Brightling is getting sloppy and allowing ties to his company and the crimes to develop.



Chapter 27, Transfer Agents

Chapter 27, Transfer Agents Summary

At their morning meeting, Dr. Barbara Archer is adamant that it's a waste of time to keep the dying subjects alive any longer. They are not responding to any drugs and will not be moved to Kansas. In side of six months, there would only be three categories of humans left: The dying, those few not exposed to the virus and those selected to be saved and injected with vaccine B. Some hearty souls would no doubt surface as totally immune to Shiva. But these rare individuals would die of starvation or other disease brought about by the multitude of unburied dead bodies laying about. The others vote almost unanimously with her to put the remaining subjects to death. Shortly after, Archer injects Mary with a lethal injection of potassium. Archer thinks back to her days at the humane society. After remaining unclaimed for 8 days, dogs would be put down. She remembers how upset she was being part of that process. Now as she unemotionally observes Mary, Archer contrasts the innocent look in the dying dogs' eyes with the angry stare she is witnessing in Mary's final view of life. By day's end, all the dying subjects are lethally injected, bodies are incinerated and released into the air in a fine untraceable mist.

Agents Chatham and Sullivan visit Kirk Maclean at his apartment. He is stunned as they interview him about the missing girls, Ann and Mary. He confirms that he knew both casually but was not involved with either one. After they leave, the agents agree that the interview was of no help. For his part, Maclean is stunned. How did they know where he lived? It's been months since the girls were snatched. Why now?

Popov arrives in Shannon, Ireland, and much to Popov's relief passes through customs without incident. He takes his suitcase full of cocaine and enters the black Jaguar awaiting him. He is driven to a farm thirty minutes away where he meets Grady. Popov delivers the cocaine to Grady and provides him with the access numbers to the Swiss account. Grady tells Popov they will begin their operation the day after next at 1pm. Grady is in high spirits and promises a successful outcome. After Popov departs, he thinks to himself that Grady probably won't be alive for long and doubts that Grady will see the Radiant Future promised by Communism. The Russians have been able to evolve past that, but ideologists like Grady are stuck in the past.

Chavez passes the torch to Covington. Team 1 is now in ready with Team 2 as back-up. Covington responds that there is absolutely nothing on tap and in fact, they are learning from informants that the recent successes of Rainbow has had the desired effect of deterring terrorist activity.

On his flight back to England, Popov's thoughts turn to Henriksen. Does this former FBI agent really want the IRA terrorists to succeed and Rainbow to fail? If so, why? What role does Henriksen really play in his employer's overall plans? Henriksen attained the Australian security contract and perhaps the recent terrorism helped him to do so but



the contract could not be worth as much as Brightling has paid out. Popov starts playing with the thought that Brightling's corporation, a pharmaceutical research company, might be involved with developing chemical warfare.

In Australia, Major Sgt. Voss is demonstrating new high-tech digital radios. All are impressed with the range and ease of use. At the same time, Noonan is demonstrating the radio to Rainbow. Colonel Malloy tries it out in his copter. The test results in loud and clear transmissions from 11 miles. By being able to listen to the play by play, Malloy comments that he could be half way there before Rainbow calls for his assistance.

Chapter 27, Transfer Agents Analysis

The remaining subjects are now considered worthless to the diabolical Dr. Archer. She convinces the others that they should be put to death. The reader learns that no current antibiotics are able to fight off the deadly Shiva virus. The researchers envision that those on the outside who somehow avoid infection from virus will be eliminated in other ways, i.e. starvation or other disease. Their planning is thorough and devoid of normal human feeling.

Popov delivers the cocaine to Grady, who is certain of success. Popov doesn't have as much confidence in Grady and sees his potential downfall could stem from his clinging to failed philosophies of the past. On his return flight to New York, Popov begins to ponder Henriksen's role. As a former law enforcement agent, how can he want the terrorists to triumph over Rainbow? There must be something bigger and more important to Henriksen than money and certainly the enforcement of laws. Popov also wonders if Brightling's company, Horizon Corporation, could be involved in the development of chemical weaponry. This way of thinking is not illogical since Brightling is a criminal and has all the drugs in the world at his disposal.



Chapter 28, Broad Daylight

Chapter 28, Broad Daylight Summary

Since Popov knows the time and location of the impending incident, he plans to take his rented car nearby to observe. He toys with the idea of alerting Clark about the attack. That would assure the plot's failure and he could then transfer the \$6 million to himself and disappear. Popov thinks better of it since he doesn't want an angry bunch of IRA gunmen after him in the event they happen to succeed. Popov parks on the hilltop that overlooks the hospital.

Grady is in his rented car following the trucks with his men and equipment to Hereford. After arriving, O'Neill and five of his men alight from their vehicles, each picking up boxes. O'Neill contacts Grady by cell phone to let him know his team is entering the hospital. Posing as a delivery man, O'Neill asks the front desk clerk for Dr. Chavez and Mrs. Clark. The women are called to the front desk. As soon as they identify themselves, O'Neill and the other five men pull their automatic weapons from their boxes. Outside, one of the terrorists spots a police officer parked near the front of the hospital. The officer assesses the situation and tries to speed off but is shot and killed by the gunman.

O'Neill calls Grady on his cell to let him know they have the target hostages. Grady calls the local police demanding the immediate release of their colleagues from several British prisons. If these men are not released, they will begin killing hostages. The local police establish a perimeter around the hospital grounds. Quickly word goes up the chain of command and an emergency call is made to John Clark. Clark is shaken by the news that his wife and daughter are hostages. He deploys Team 1 immediately, naming Al Stanley as field commander. The rules call for John to take himself out as leader since there is a personal connection to the situation.

Covington and team 1 arrive and park near the commercial trucks near the front door. Grady calls O'Neill letting him know Rainbow has arrived. Team 2 long rifles Sam Houston and Fred Franklin select their remote positions and set up their perches. Chavez and Clark are too upset to stay away and decide to go to the scene. Grady makes another call to the police as Bellow and Stanley listen in at the scene's command post. Grady announces that they have two hours to meet his demands before hostages start being eliminated.

Tim Noonan drives his personal car to one of two cell phone tower locations where he downloads the cell phone scrambling software. He is delayed by heavy traffic to the second tower. Finally he makes it there and downloads the call blocker. Cell phone exchanges between the terrorists have now been disabled. Grady tries to call back out to O'Neill but receives just a fast busy. He tries one of his men's phone and gets the same result. Grady realizes that the cell phones, their only means of communication, have been disabled.



Bellow calls into the hospital front desk and speaks with O'Neill. Bellow tries to appeal to O'Neill by stressing that the women he is holding are Americans and that his group's disagreement is with the British government. He also mentions that the women like O'Neill himself are both Catholic. Outside, Grady is growing increasingly angered that he is unable to communicate with his men inside. Rainbow, Team 1's truck is ambushed and hit with a barrage of bullets. Four men are hit and seriously wounded. One of the gunmen detects a movement up the hill where Houston is camouflaged. He takes aim and hits Houston in the shoulder. With the escalation of violence, Team 2 is deployed.

Noonan has arrived on the scene and quickly sees that Rainbow is in trouble. He pulls in behind the third enemy truck and drawing his Beretta quickly takes out three gunman. Seeing the situation deteriorating, Grady speeds off in his car with one of his trucks following behind. Chavez and Clark chase after the fleeing terrorists. They are able to shoot out the truck tires making the truck crash and leaving those inside dead or injured. Malloy goes after the car in his copter. One of his crewmen aims at Grady hitting him in the shoulder. His car crashes off the road with the unconscious terrorist leader at the wheel.

O'Neill and the few remaining terrorists are holding Sandy Clark and Patsy Chavez in the Emergency Room. Bellow rushes in to negotiate with O'Neill. The terrorists are now demanding a bus in which to flee. After much back and forth, O'Neill comes to the realization that the best option is to give up. He and his men drop their guns and are immediately apprehended by Rainbow members. The crisis is over. Although there is much relief, two Rainbow members have died and four others have been seriously injured. Tawney is in the hospital as Grady is being wheeled in for surgery. There would be quite a few people waiting to talk to Grady after he wakes up.

Chapter 28, Broad Daylight Analysis

Popov's greedy nature is apparent when he considers taking off with the \$6 million dollars but thinks better of it since he doesn't want to be chased by angry and murderous terrorists. But Popov is rooting for them to fail so he can eventually take the money. John Clark and Domingo Chavez are particularly challenged by the fact that their wives are two of the hostages. They understand how vulnerable their wives were due to their positions and disturbed that some trusted person must have leaked Rainbow's identity. Was the leak accidental or purposeful? This incident has opened up a Pandora's box of questions. John Clark continues to show his dedication to the fundamental rules of the Rainbow organization, bowing out as field commander due to his personal connection to the hostages.

Noonan's ability to disarm the terrorists' communications ability turns out not to be his only strength. By Noonan diverging from his tech guy role and taking several gunmen out shows the strength and flexibility of Rainbow members and their allegiance to one another. Dr. Bellow's skill at reasoning with O'Neill, the terrorist who was squeamish about killing the women, is highlighted in this incident. The majority of this very long chapter is basically a straightforward shoot-out scene where Rainbow emerges



victoriously although bruised and battered and sabotaged by what had to have been an internal leak. The chapter ends with the anticipation of interrogating the ruthless Grady who will perhaps providing some potential link to the identity of the real force behind the recent terrorism.



Chapter 29, Recovery

Chapter 29, Recovery Summary

As Popov is driving back to London, he hears on his radio that the leader of the terrorists has been injured but is still alive. He uses his cell phone to call his account in Bern and uses the access code to transfer funds. Popov is now richer by \$5+ million dollars but must now worry that Grady might lead the authorities to him. Brightling and Henriksen are following the news on the incident at Hereford. Henriksen is sure that the captured IRA will not talk but not sure about Popov. Brightling suggests that he might have to be eliminated but Henriksen fears that Popov has documentation tying Brightling to the terrorism.

After his surgery, the very groggy Grady is told by Bellow that he, Bellow, is Jimmy Carr one of his fellow rebels and that he needs to know the identify of the Russian. Grady reveals the name of the KGB agent—anyway the name that Popov gave him. As Grady eventually comes out of his anesthesia, the first person he sees is John Clark. Clark happily tells him the brutal truth—all fifteen of his gunmen were captured or killed and that he'd soon be in a British jail. Clark and Chavez interrogate O'Neill. Chavez wielding a knife threatens to make O'Neill "a girl". O'Neill becomes so frightened of the enraged Latino that he gives up information about the \$6 million dollars, the Swiss bank account and the drugs.

Popov arrives back in the States. He contemplates fleeing but decides to settle matters with Brightling. He will meet with him one more time but will not accept any new assignments. Clark, Chavez, and Tawney meet with Holt. They have identified most of the IRA gunmen but have not located the Russian based on the name, Serov, given to them by Grady. Chavez gets an urgent phone call from Patsy telling him that the baby is coming.

Chapter 29, Recovery Analysis

True to form, Popov steals the terrorists' money. Popov is worried that Grady will talk and Brightling and Henriksen are worried that Popov will talk. A case of spy vs. spy. Needless to say none of these relationships are built on trust. Dr. Bellow is able to trick Grady into revealing information about Popov—although his real name still eludes them. Chavez is able to scare O'Neill into revealing more information about the incident. Chavez' anger and stress over his wife being a hostage is centered on O'Neill. Clark gets a measure of revenge over the danger his wife and daughter faced by happily telling Grady that Rainbow defeated them and that Grady would be on hated British soil for the rest of his days.



Chapter 30, Vistas

Chapter 30, Vistas Summary

Finally Ding gets to hold his baby son, John Conor, in his arms. With wife and baby fine, Ding brings the new grandfather a celebratory cigar. As Popov walks down the terminal in New York, he dumps his "Serov" passport and ID in a trash container. Later that afternoon, a worker discovers the documents and turns them in to lost and found. The documentation makes it way to the British authorities, who run a check on them and find that the man is wanted. The FBI comes up with a P.O. Box in New York City connected to the I.D found at the airport.

As Popov watches the news that evening in his New York apartment, he sees a shot of himself sitting in his car in the background of a news report on the Hereford incident. The next day, Popov meets with Brightling and Henriksen to discuss the Hereford incident. Popov admits that the mission was not a complete success but Rainbow was somewhat diminished. Henriksen learns from his FBI contacts that they are on to Popov although they don't know his real name. Brightling, worried about premature exposure of the project, invites Popov to the complex in Kansas.

Chapter 30, Vistas Analysis

Things are falling in place for Rainbow. Chavez has his baby son and their intelligence endeavors are starting to pay off. Popov is becoming a little careless as witnessed by his dumping his ID and being seen on TV at the scene in Hereford. Even though the documentation he threw away did not contain his true identity, it seems out of character for the very careful Popov to leave any trail at all. Perhaps the \$5 million has made him complacent. Since he will not be taking another assignment from Brightling and will be "retiring," perhaps he let his guard down. They are on Popov's trail and Popov and his cohorts know it. After what Clark and Chavez just went through, they are eager to speak to the man who orchestrated their misery.



Chapter 31, Movement

Chapter 31, Movement Summary

Popov steps off the Horizon Corporation jet onto a remote looking area in Kansas. He is taken to the large new complex and is shown to a private apartment. Popov tries successfully to get an outside phone line, putting to rest the thought that he may have been kidnapped. On the other side of the planet, Olympic athletes are arriving in Sydney. Aussie police are showing Colonel Gearing, US Army Chemical Corp, Retired, around the new Olympic stadium. Gearing, who represents Global Security, is especially interested in seeing the fogging system put in place for cooling off the athletes. He questions the Aussie police about the security and learns there is quite a thorough security system for the new arena. Gearing will have some of his men keep a vigilant eye on the fogging system as it could be vulnerable to chemical attack. If it got in the wrong hands, it could be catastrophic.

Popov is given a thorough tour of the complex and grounds in Kansas. He is shown to Dr. Killgore's office where he is given a physical. Killgore takes some blood sample and injects him with what Killgore refers to as a "booster." Killgore is thinking to himself that the Russian doesn't realize how incredibly lucky he is to have been approved for a "B" vaccine shot.

In New York, Agents Sullivan and Chatham visit the Post Office station where the Russian has a P.O. Box. The street address and phone number given for the P.O. Box holder are bogus. The agents have made no progress on their other case about the missing girls. Maclean seems to be a dead end. Since the FBI is dogging Maclean, Henriksen decides to have Maclean move to Kansas. Domingo Chavez is on his way to Sydney to provide some technical advice on security for the Olympics. He's not looking forward to the long trip but at least it won't be dangerous.

Chapter 31, Movement Analysis

The project is in motion. In an earlier chapter, the reader learns that Gearing is the person charged with injecting the deadly Shiva into the fogging system and thus start the epidemic. He lets the Aussie authorities know that he will take over the security for this system since it is susceptible to chemical attack. There is a cruel smugness about Gearing's exchange with the Aussie stadium reps. What he is telling them is true, but what they don't know is that he will be person bringing about such attack. Domingo Chavez and some of his team are on their way to Australia to offer security advice for the games. Although he doesn't look forward to a long plane ride, he feels he can relax since being at the Olympics at least won't be dangerous. Of course, the reader knows just the opposite is true.



Chapter 32, Blood Works

Chapter 32, Blood Works Summary

Popov runs into Killgore in the cafeteria and tries to extract information about the project from him but is not successful. Killgore invites Popov to go horseback riding with him the next day. Popov and Killgore meet early in the morning for their ride. Kirk Maclean is riding as well and catches up with them. Maclean tells Killgore that the FBI had been questioning him about a missing girl. Kirk also refers to getting his B shot making Popov remember that his injection vile had the letter B on it. Killgore comments that the surrounding land will have buffalo and open fields. Popov sees farm houses and barns in the distance and asks Killgore how the neighbors will feel. Killgore responds with a question: What neighbors? Popov thinks to himself—what the hell is going on here?

Chapter 32, Blood Works Analysis

The old spy in Popov drives him to persist in his quest to find out what Brightling is planning. He knows the project is very large-scale and probably illegal. Popov learns a nugget of information from Maclean and that they apparently were injected with the same "booster" shot. When Killgore speaks of the buffalo that will be roaming around the area Popov naturally wonders how neighbors would feel about a herd of buffalo so close. Killgore's off-hand remark gives Popov a hint that the neighbors may just not be there.



Chapter 33, The Games Begin

Chapter 33, The Games Begin Summary

Chavez and his team arrive in Sydney and are met by Lieutenant Wilkerson of the Australian Secret Air Service. The games are scheduled to start the next day. Wilkerson mentions that a private company, Global Security, run by Bill Henriksen, is part of the security team. Noonan knows Henriksen and refers to him as a tree hugger. Noonan fills Wilkerson in on the new device, the "Tricoder" that can locate humans by detecting the electrical fields that exist around human hearts. Popov runs into Kirk at the compound, turning the conversation to the Project. Kirk intimates that a perfect world would call for the elimination of some people. Kirk admits that there are some very nasty parts to the project but to make a perfect omelet you have to break a few eggs. Popov remembers those words as a direct quote from Lenin.

Chavez is given a tour of the Olympic stadium. He walks through the fogging area that is emitting a fine cool mist. He comments how good it feels and how it will help the overheated athletes. Chavez concludes rather quickly that the Aussies are doing an excellent job with the security and do not seem to need any advice from Rainbow. But Chavez is starting to enjoy himself and decides to take a break and sit back and enjoy the Olympics. Back in Hereford, the lab has determined that the cocaine is medical-grade and could perhaps be traced to a pharmaceutical company.

As Rainbow members settle into their hotel rooms, several floors above Lt. Colonel Gearing is going over the procedure to swap the chlorine filters in the the fogging systems with the ones he brought. There are two fogging systems—one to "cool" the athletes and the other to "cool" spectators. Gearing takes pride in envisioning his part in spreading Shiva being around the world, returning the earth to what it should be.

Chapter 33, The Games Begin Analysis

The "Tricoder", the people finding device that Noonan has been promoting is highlighted here no doubt setting the stage for its use in the emerging story. In Popov's view, the enormity of the project is highlighted by Maclean's exchange with Killgore, where Maclean indicates he was being questioned by the FBI. In a later conversation, Maclean admits to Popov that the project calls for the elimination of some people. Although Popov draws the connection between Maclean's words and Lenin's ideology, Popov stands back still as the outsider ever curious but seemingly not interested in being a part. Rainbow operations has determined that the cocaine may have originated from a pharmaceutical company. Perhaps the drug can be traced to a specific company—something that Popov feared.



Chapter 34, The Games Continue

Chapter 34, The Games Continue Summary

The riding partners discuss Popov's role in the project. Killgore emphasizes that stirring the incidents of terrorism was essential for success. When Popov pushes for the underlying cause of the project, the others hesitate and instead begin talking about the importance of nature and how man is destroying the earth. The others make it apparent to Popov that they feel these acts of man against nature are criminal and that these criminals should be held responsible. Popov makes it clear that he does not cotton to such radical beliefs and privately thinks to himself that a new kind of paganism seems to have been spawned in the West. But there is no avoiding these beliefs here in Kansas. Even the videos Popov has watched in his room have the same theme: Humans are parasitic species and do more harm than good to the planet.

Clark gets permission from the CIA Director to personally contact Sergey Nikolayevich, a high-level Russian intelligence officer. Clark had been involved directly with Sergey in some prior successful operations. Clark telephones Sergey and asks him to help him learn the real identity of a former KGB who is going by an alias Serov. This Russian allegedly is responsible for stirring up the recent terrorists acts and on a personal level had threatened John's family. Sergey agrees to look into the matter for John. Shortly after their conversation, Sergey prints off documentation on one Dimitriy Popov.

Tawney has discovered that the \$6 million Swiss bank account has been cleaned out, presumably by the Russian fellow. Tawney and Clark visit O'Neill and tell him that he is not only under arrest but that he is poor once again. The \$6 million account has been cleaned out by his Russian friend. O'Neill does not hide his anger and is easily coaxed into telling Clark and Tawney about the Russian's arrival into Shannon, Ireland, on a private corporate jet. The Irish Police confirm that a Gulf Stream had indeed landed in Shannon on the day in question and that it came from the U.S. Agents from the FBI visit the New Jersey airport where they learn that one Joseph Serov had chartered the plane.

Popov is introduced to Project members Mark Waterhouse and Foster Hunnicut who have just arrived in Kansas. Foster is a hunter/fisherman from Montana who gave up the corporate world years ago. With a wink and a smile, he lets the group know that a fish and game cop tried to mess with him once but never messed with anyone again. Hunnicut lives on a ranch that's literally sitting on a gold mine. Maclean tells the new members that Popov's actions in instigating the recent terrorism led to the crucial Olympics contract. Hunnicut very bluntly notes that without that contract they would have been unable to deliver the Shiva.



Chapter 34, The Games Continue Analysis

This is a turning point for Popov. He has picked up enough about the project that he is becoming increasingly convinced that it is not for him. He is taking a position that the people involved in the project are radicals and does not count himself among them. He is astonished at their ideas and realizes he is alone in a strange universe on in which he does not belong. Rainbow is hot on the trail of Popov's true identity. Clark solicits the help of a former KBG contact and uses the \$6 million stolen by Popov as a wedge issue to gain more information from O'Neill. Popov meets a new arrival to the complex—outdoors man Foster Hunnicut. Hunnicut is a very blunt individual and does not mince words. Popov first hears the actual name of the project from this new arrival. Perhaps Popov could learn more about the project from this outspoken man.



Chapter 35, Marathon

Chapter 35, Marathon Summary

Popov, Maclean, Hunnicut and Killgore meet for breakfast before an early morning ride. After getting to their horses, Popov notices that Hunnicut has a revolver. Hunnicut explains he never rides without it. During their ride, Popov notices a Greyhound bus traveling on a near-by highway. He is told that there is a bus station at the squat little building across the way. Hunnicut and Popov arrange to ride again that evening.

John Clark contacts Chuck Baker, Assistant Director, Criminal Division, FBI, to check on their progress in tracking the Russian down. Baker tells Clark that if the Russian is there his agents will find him. Clark assures Baker that the Brits are on it on that side of the pond. Chavez and his team have become great fans of the Olympics. The meet is just about over with only a few days to go. The last event would be the marathon run and then the closing ceremonies. Medics have been on hand for the athletes as well as the spectators. The heat is unyielding and hard to contend with. Many, including Chavez, are enjoying the fogging system that sprays the over-heated bodies with cool water for heavenly relief.

Popov and Hunnicut mount their horses for the evening ride. In Hunnicut, Popov finally gets someone to provide details on the Project. Popov is told that Shiva is an Ebola-like virus developed by Horizon. On the last day of the Olympics the spread of the virus will be launched by some kind of air-conditioning system. Those infected will return to their homelands and spread the disease world-wide. Horizon will provide Vaccine A to ostensibly inoculate healthy people against the spreading killer. However, Vaccine A actually contains the virus and will serve to continue its spread. Vaccine B is given only to those who are selected to survive. The project will save the earth from man, returning it to Nature and to what it should be. Popov is horrified but manages to keep his composure. Popov borrows Hunnicut's revolver on the guise of wanting to target practice. Instead, Popov turns the gun on Hunnicut and shoots him through the heart. Popov takes off on his horse toward the building that houses the bus station.

Chapter 35, Marathon Analysis

The tension builds as Chavez and his men are enjoying the Olympic games and cooling off in the same fogging system that will soon be used to spread a killer virus. The question lingers if Chavez and his men will become victims of this plot. Hunnicut reveals the entire diabolical plot to Popov, who is so repulsed and frightened that he kills Hunnicut in order to escape from the complex. The details of this vile project are even too much for this ruthless former KGB agent. Realizing that the Shiva Project is a threat to the entire world has shaken Popov to the core.



Chapter 36, Flights of Necessity

Chapter 36, Flights of Necessity Summary

Popov must get out of this wheat field in the middle of no where and fast. He hitches a ride to a small airfield down the highway. From there is able to get connecting flights back to New York. He registers as Joseph Demetrius at a hotel and requests 3am wake-up call. Popov startles at the early call but quickly shakes himself awake and dials the phone. Clark's secretary tells him he has a call from a man who will not identify himself. The caller identifies himself as Serov, the alias Popov has been using. Popov tells Clark to take a flight to New York City and meet him at the NYC Zoo at exactly 11:00 a.m. The line goes dead. Clark knows he must attend this meeting and arranges for assistance from the FBI. On his flight over the Atlantic, Clark reviews the dossier on Popov that he just received from Sergey.

Carol Brightling has just finished preparing a document requesting a leave of absence from her position as Presidential Science Advisor. Carol had given up her life with John for the greater cause—the Project. By securing her position as advisor to the President she was able to learn the extent of any secret research the government was undertaking in vaccines that could successfully combat an Ebola-like breakout. Now she can leave her position and she and John can be together again. They both sacrificed their personal relationship but it was worth it for the return of Nature as it should be.

Agent Sullivan is dressed in a blue uniform and at the wheel of a utility van. Agent Chatham meets Clark at the terminal and whisks him quickly away to the waiting van. Clark meets Popov at the pre-arranged location. Popov apologizes to Clark for the danger his wife and daughter faced adding that the assignment was distasteful. After Clark lets Popov know that his true identity is known, Popov reveals the purpose of this meeting—that there is a plot to kill almost all of humanity. Of course Clark at first is incredulous and disbelieving. Popov convinces John to at least hear him out. Popov will provide details but only with the assurance that he will not be detained or arrested. John has the agents take him and Popov to an FBI safe house.

Chapter 36, Flights of Necessity Analysis

With all the combined forces of Rainbow, the CIA, the FBI and MI-5 looking for Popov, they fail to locate him. Ironically, Popov willingly comes to them. The reliably ruthless, narcissistic ex-spy has met more than his match. Once Popov learns the entire scheme Brightling and his people are brewing, it is even too vile and appalling for him. For maybe the first time in his life, he is doing the right thing. As much as he abused, used and even murdered his fellow man, he cannot fathom humankind's destruction. Since Popov had been injected with the B Vaccine he knows that the Shiva virus would not take him. In an act devoid of any possibility of making money, he contacts John Clark so

that Rainbow can save the day. The formerly one-dimensional Popov has sprouted a few more dimensions. Not a fool, Popov gets Clark to give him immunity before he talks.



Chapter 37, Dying Flame

Chapter 37, Dying Flame Summary

At the safe house, a video-audio taping system is set up for the Popov interview. Clark and the two FBI agents are incredulous as Popov takes them from his initial involvement through his time in Kansas. Popov speaks of a bio-chemist in Kansas by the name of Kirk Maclean who spoke of nabbing research subjects off the streets of New York. The two agents react to this information and confirm to Clark that they had been investigating Maclean in the cases of two missing girls. Popov just learned the day before from Foster, the man he killed, that this Shiva virus was going to be placed into an air conditioning system at the Olympic games in Sydney on the last day during the last event. Knowing that the last event is just a few hours away, John gets hold of Chavez and explains the situation. Chavez and his team must stop anyone from inserting the virus into the fogging system. Chavez and his men gain access to the system control room for the cooling system and stay on guard.

Maclean is surprised to not see Popov and Hunnicut ready to saddle up for their morning ride. Maclean goes it alone. He sees vultures circling what at first looks like a large animal. As he nears the carcass, he sees that it's Hunnicut with a large bullet hole in his chest. He rushes back to the complex and alerts Henriksen and Killgore. They confirm that Popov is missing and assume he killed Hunnicut and fled the complex. They are very concerned with what he knows and who he might tell. Nonetheless, they are adamant that the project move forward. Henriksen gives Gearing a call and tells him to proceed with distribution.

Back at the safe house, Clark asks Popov why this group of people want to kill off most of mankind. Popov responds that these people are druids—they worship the earth as a God. To return earth to its natural state, they feel mankind must be all but eliminated. Chavez and two of his men are waiting in the dark control room. Finally, the door is unlocked and opened. Gearing steps in and turns the lights on. He turns the fogging-system motor off and removes a wrench from his back-pack. Chavez comes out of the dark and tells him to hold it. Noonan takes the cannister presumably containing the Shiva virus from Gearing, gives him his rights and arrests him.

Chapter 37, Dying Flame Analysis

The plot is exposed thanks to Popov, and Rainbow is able to prevent the distribution of the Shiva virus. The two FBI agents present during Popov's statement lend credence to his claims by confirming their investigation of Maclean in several missing persons cases. Fortunately, Chavez and some of his Team 2 guys are already in Sydney and they are able to foil the plot. Clark asks Popov the question Popov himself has been asking for months. Why? Why did this group of people want to wipe out humanity? It took Popov quite some time to get that answer, but he is gratified that he can answer

the question for John Clark immediately. In Sydney, the only law enforcement officer on the team, FBI Agent Tim Noonan, reads Gearing his rights, arrests him and most importantly confiscates the cannister presumably containing the killer virus.



Chapter 38, Nature Resort

Chapter 38, Nature Resort Summary

John Brightling is growing restless waiting for Gearing to call in the all clear. To ease Brightling's mind, Henriksen calls one of his other men in Sydney when he's unable to reach Gearing. A short while later, the employee calls back with the bad news. Gearing seems to be missing. It becomes clear that the plot has been exposed and thwarted. They must destroy all evidence—all computer files as well as the vaccines and all traces of Shiva. They and the other True Believers must flee the country and relocate to their Brazilian complex. After time goes by and all the legal issues are resolved, they can return to the states. In the meantime, Horizon can continue its work in Brazil. John orders the flight crews to ready the four corporate jets for immediate take off.

There are international legal concerns relative to the arrest and confinement of Gearing. Clark discusses the options with Agent Sullivan. Sullivan contends that the US laws must be followed while Clark counters that this case should never reach a court. The dire possibilities of chemical warfare would be more than the public could handle. Clark has another idea on how to handle the situation.

Just as FBI agents near the Kansas complex, they see four corporate jets take off. It takes Clark several phone calls, but he finally gets NORAD to send a couple of chase jets to follow the Horizon jets. The pilots report in as they see the jets landing in Brazil on a remote air strip surrounded by jungle. All Rainbow teams are heading to the U.S. Once they arrive, they will be traveling to Brazil.

Chapter 38, Nature Resort Analysis

Knowing that they have been defeated, Brightling and his operatives destroy all evidence including every trace of the Shiva virus. This is an important moment knowing that Rainbow defeated the spread of the virus in Sydney, which resulted in its elimination as a future threat. Clark responds quickly when he learns that Brightling and company are fleeing the country. The Air Force jets are able to pinpoint Brightling's position in the thick jungle. Rainbow is in hot pursuit.



Chapter 39, Harmony

Chapter 39, Harmony Summary

John discusses the next moves with CIA Director Foley. Foley questions the odds of 50 plus armed environmentalists against 15 Rainbow team members. John scoffs at the idea that his men couldn't take these scientists. Foley approves John's entire plan. Before departing, Clark receives word that contents of the chlorine filter confiscated from Gearing were tested. The cannister contains an Ebola strain laced with cancer DNA. Not only did these fiends want to murder most people on earth, they had the means to do so. Foley informs Clark that Popov has been placed in another safe house, but Kansas authorities want him for murder. Clark tells Foley he will personally provide Popov with an alibi. Even though Popov was responsible for an attack on his family, he turned out to do everyone quite a favor.

In the Brazilian complex, Brightling meets with his employees, ending his talk with positive remarks about the opportunities to learn more about their beloved nature in Brazil. Brightling and Henriksen agree that if they should be attacked by a para-military group they will arm staff with the automatic weapons stored in the complex. Just as dawn is breaking, Rainbow arrives in the large transport in the Manaus, Brazil airport. Malloy, his crew and his Night Hawk are the first off followed by the rest of the team. Lastly, Gearing is led off with a bag over his head. Malloy flies them the rest of the way to the complex. After Malloy sets down, Rainbow team members alight from the copter and secrete themselves in the heavy foliage.

Clark tells Gearing that he is to deliver a message to Brightling. They must unconditionally surrender or Rainbow will come in to get them. Gearing is pushed out of the copter. He pulls the bag off and heads toward the building. Brightling at first refuses to surrender. Instead, he gives orders to arm everyone. Outside, Noonan sets up the people-finding device and immediately detects people moving around in the building. Rainbow is moving in on the building. As they approach, they see armed people leaving the building heading for the jungle. As pairs of Horizon people move out, they are pinpointed by Noonan's device and taken out by Rainbow sharpshooters. Once Rainbow has taken out almost a dozen pairs of Horizon people, Henriksen directs all his teams to come back inside.

Noonan patches Clark into Horizon's two-way radio system. Clark again tells them to surrender immediately. After a Rainbow guy shoots out the front windows, Brightling speaks to Clark telling him that they agree to surrender. In a few minutes, Brightling and his Shiva Project team emerge unarmed from the building and surrender to Clark. Clark forces all the Brightling people to take all their clothes off. In the meantime, Connolly, who has set up explosives around the buildings, blows up the entire complex. Clark tells the Shiva team that since they wanted to be close to nature, now is their chance. He gestures toward the thick jungle. Brightling pleads with Clark. He and his people won't



have a chance in this jungle. Clark points out that they have more of a chance than they were willing to give the rest of humanity.

Chapter 39, Harmony Analysis

Since there is potential problems with international laws in the apprehension of Brightling and his followers, John Clark sells a plan for getting around these laws to his boss, the CIA Director. Clark avers that the case should never be tried in a public court. The subject would be too frightening for the public. Clark's strong stance on this gives insight as what his plan may be. He is even more adamant about his plan when the lab confirms just how deadly the virus is. Noonan's human-heart locating device finally comes into play as the big hero in this jungle setting. As Brightling people attempt to secrete themselves in the thick jungle foliage, Noonan is able to pick up every movement allowing Rainbow sharpshooters to take them out. Finally, Rainbow proves too much for the scientists. They drop their weapons and surrender to Rainbow. John Clark implements his plan. After blowing up the entire complex, Clark forces Brightling and his followers to disrobe and points them toward the jungle. The irony is not lost on the reader: These diabolical people will probably perish from the forces of nature they so loved.



Epilogue, News

Epilogue, News Summary

Several months later, Chavez and Clark speculate as to the fate of Brightling and the others. No one has ever heard anything from them. They probably all perished. Clark reads an article in the newspaper about a Russian national who bought a ranch in Montana that turned out to be sitting on a huge gold mine. Clark thinks to himself, "greedy bastard."

Epilogue, News Analysis

The classic case of good triumphing over evil, the demented John Brightling and his followers, who were abandoned defenseless in the treacherous Brazilian jungle, were never heard from again. John's plan to get around international law but yet rid the earth of these foul people seems to have worked out. John Clark and Ding Chavez turn back to a more normal existence with even some time for the mundane like reading the newspaper. John spots an article about a Russian national purchasing a ranch in Montana that is sitting on a gold mine. Popov was not so appalled by Hunnicut's revelation about the Shiva project that he missed his mention of gold being discovered on his ranch. While John Clark knows that Popov's actions did nothing less than save humanity, he knows the former KGB did not undergo a complete transformation. No one ever said Popov wasn't greedy.



Characters

John Clark

John Clark is a former CIA agent and Navy SEAL. He is in his late fifties when he is named the commander of the newly-formed covert anti-terrorism team named Rainbow, headquartered in Hereford, England. The British Secret Service is also based in Hereford. John Clark's code name is Rainbow Six. The organization is named Rainbow due to its multi-national team members. Upon moving his family to England, Clark's unit is immediately faced with outbreaks of terrorist activity in various European countries. Clark is a savvy and experienced leader and is up to the challenge. The biggest test of Clark's leadership is when he and his team must defeat a threat to all mankind.

Clark's wife, Sandy, is a nurse who secures a job at the local hospital in Hereford. Clark is loyal to his family and is outraged when he realizes someone on the inside leaked information about him and Rainbow, putting his wife and daughter at great risk. Clark admires his son-in-law, Domingo Chavez, but has a playful relationship with him and continuously challenges the younger man to high levels of achievement.

In the high-risk business of hostage situations, John Clark's ability to make quick decisions and lead his men keep harm to hostages at a minimum. His ability to think on his feet sets the stage for his Unit's essential ability to be reflexive. John Clark is a wily, experienced and dedicated leader. His disciplined background both as a former Navy SEAL and CIA agent developed his sense of responsibility to a higher calling than his own career and even his personal life. When Clark is faced with his wife and daughter in a hostage situation, he follows the rules and cedes leadership to an assistant commander. Although John Clark is the individual who recommended the formation of an anti-terrorism unit, he does not feel comfortable behind the desk. He would rather be out there with his men where the action is.

Dimitriy Popov

Dimitriy Arkadeyevich Popov is an ex-KGB agent who was forced into retirement by the former Soviet regime. The role he played for the Soviets was one that placed him in contact with many infamous members of the terrorist network. Popov is hired by the CEO of Horizon Corporation, a large American pharmaceutical company, to instigate terrorist activity in Europe. Though Popov is paid well by his employer, it does not satisfy his curiosity about the underlying reason for causing this chaos.

Although Popov never considered leaving the KGB when he was a spy—he wanted to stay alive—he had always admired the personal wealth and achievement that capitalism promised. In his new role he is finally reaping the benefits of the open market. Popov's position as a consultant for the American company is providing him with outstanding compensation. In addition to his salary, the wily ex-spy is able to steal the majority of the



money designated for the terrorists. When Rainbow takes the terrorists out, their abandoned payoff is just too tempting for Popov to resist.

Although Popov at first appears as a ruthless, one-dimensional greedy man, he ultimately has more empathy for his fellow man than even he would have guessed. Despite the fact that Popov starts off as one of the "bad" guys, he is so utterly appalled by the plot his boss is brewing, that he exposes himself and solicits help from his former enemy, John Clark, to save the day. Of course, Popov does not evolve into a completely selfless individual. He gets Clark's assurance that he will receive immunity before he reveals details of the diabolical plot.

Domingo Chavez

Domingo Chavez (Ding) is a former CIA agent who has been named to head Team 2, Rainbow, reporting to John Clark. Ding is Latino and originally from East L.A. He is small in stature but makes up for his size in tenacity and dedication. Ding is a tough, demanding leader, who is well liked and respected by his men. Ding is married to John Clark's daughter, Patsy, who is a doctor and has accompanied him to England. Patsy is pregnant with their first child and works as an emergency room doctor at the same hospital as her mother.

John Brightling

Brightling is the CEO of Horizon Corporation, a U.S. multi-million dollar pharmaceutical concern. His company is involved in research on an Ebola-like virus named Shiva. Shiva has taken the Ebola virus and re-engineered it by grafting colon-cancer RNA into the host organism, thus creating a robust and deadly killer. Brightling and his devoted staff are radical environmentalists who feel that humans are ruining the world. Brightling orders the launching of a world-wide Shiva pandemic at the Olympic games in Sydney, Australia. Of course, his researchers have also developed a vaccine that will keep Brightling and his chosen few safe and alive.

Carol Brightling

Carol Brightling is the former wife of John Brightling. Carol is the Senior Science Advisor to the President of the United States. The President does not share her radical environmental views, and she therefore finds conducting business with him extremely difficult. Her goals are not pure, however, as she uses her position to learn and pass classified information. She still has allegiance to her ex-husband and to his view of the state of the earth and humankind.



Bill Henriksen

Henriksen is a former FBI agent who is the President of Global Security and a renowned terrorism expert. Henriksen uses his credentials to convince the authorities in Australia to use his security company for the Olympics. In reality, Henriksen is in collusion with John Brightling and the Shiva Project. His company's role at the Olympics will allow the launching of the Shiva virus.

Timothy Noonan

FBI Agent and member of Rainbow team. Noonan is a computer geek who comes up with new high-tech devices, cutting-edge communication equipment and video gear in assisting Rainbow in their fight against terrorists. Noonan surprises everyone when he turns out to be quite a sharpshooter himself and just at the moment when he needed to be.

Paddy Connolly

Irishman Connolly is a Rainbow team member and explosives expert. He uses his skills in blasting through doors and windows in surprise Rainbow attacks against dangerous terrorists. Connolly's habit of smoking a pipe after the all clear is called at an incident leads to the potential exposure of the Rainbow unit.

Dan Mallory

Lt. Colonel Mallory, USMC, is the skilled commander of the Rainbow helicopter crew. After a few close calls, Rainbow decides they need a copter crew. Malloy's reputation is such that he is first choice to command it. Malloy is expert at dropping men onto rooftops and chasing down escaping terrorists speeding away down the road.

Sean Grady

Grady is the leader of the IRA underground group. He is a ruthless criminal who is wanted for murder by the British Secret Service. He is recruited by Popov to hold Clark's wife and daughter hostage at the hospital where they work.



Objects/Places

Hereford, England

Hereford is the location of the newly-formed, secret anti-terrorism unit named Rainbow. The local hospital is the site of a terrorist incident in which the Rainbow leader's wife and daughter are held as hostages.

Bern, Switzerland

Bern is the location of the first terrorist incident for which Rainbow is dispatched. The terrorists hold workers and clients hostage at a bank in Bern. Bern is also the location of the ex-KGB agent Popov's European bank account.

Vienna, Austria

Rainbow's second terrorist encounter is in a private residence outside Vienna. The owner of the large estate is Erwin Ostermann who works out of his home. Terrorists take Ostermann and his staff members hostage.

Madrid, Spain

The next hostage situation is at a large amusement park called World Park, which is located in Madrid. The terrorists take dozens of children hostage while demanding the release of political prisoners being held in French prisons.

New York City

Dozens of people are kidnapped of the streets of New York City who are to be used as subjects in a diabolical research study. Horizon Corporation and Global Security headquarters are also located in New York City.

Washington, D.C.

Location of Carol Brightling's office. She is the Senior Science Advisor to the President. Washington D.C. Is also the location of CIA and FBI headquarters.



State of Kansas - Wheat Field

Horizon Corporation, a multi-million dollar pharmaceutical company, builds a huge complex in the middle of a remote area in Kansas. This complex will house those individuals selected to escape the world-wide pandemic planned by Horizon.

Bitterroot Mountains - Montana

Foster Hunnicut's ranch is located in the mountains. Hunnicut is a recruit to the Shiva Project. His ranch is sitting on a gold mine, which becomes of interest to the ex-KGB agent Popov.

Sydney, Australia

Sydney is the site of the Olympic Games. Global Security wins the contract as security consultant for the games. Horizon has selected the Olympic Games in Sydney as the launching pad for the deadly Shiva virus.

Manaus, Brazil

After the plot to spread the Shiva virus is exposed, Brightling and project members flee to another company complex built in the deep jungles of Brazil near Manaus.



Themes

Good v. Evil

Rainbow team represents good. The men aren't perfect; they have character flaws. But on the whole they stand on the side of good. Rainbow team has been formed to fight international terrorism eliminating those individuals who hold and kill hostages for specific demands, i.e., release of political prisoners or comrades, transportation to flee the country, or money or other valuables. Clancy has drawn a dichotomy between good and evil, countering every evil act with a good one, perhaps not immediately but eventually.

The terrorists in Rainbow Six epitomize evil. One terrorist shoots and kills a little sick girl in her wheelchair. A Rainbow sharpshooter blasts this evil man purposely below the heart blowing apart his internal organs so he would die a slow and miserable death. An infamous IRA anarchist leads a hostage situation in which several Rainbow members are killed and hurt. Rainbow keeps him alive so he will live the rest of his life in solitary confinement on hated British soil. A greedy and calculating ex-KGB agent is hired to instigate acts of terrorism. He is enjoying capitalism and his good fortune until he learns of a diabolical plot to destroy humankind. That scheme was over the top for even this brute. This man who had performed more than his share of evil in his time is so appalled by this plot that he solicits the help of the Rainbow Unit to foil it. In this instance, good overcomes evil within the same man.

Due to international laws, Rainbow is not certain if the plotters of the diabolical plan can be arrested since they fled to Brazil. After they surrender to Rainbow, instead of detaining them Clark sets them off defenseless into the treacherous jungle, where they will likely perish by natural means. No doubt that Rainbow is on the side of good.

Radical Environmentalism

The major plot of the story is based on the viewpoint by radical environmentalists that humans are ruining the earth. Their goal is to return the earth to Nature and the animals. John Brightling, CEO of Horizon Corporation, a behemoth in the pharmaceutical industry, is one of these extremists and uses the skills of his employees and resources of his company to develop a deadly Ebola-like flesh-eating virus that will all but end humanity. Of course, Brightling sees to it that his company develops a vaccine to inoculate himself and those he selects to survive the killer. These few survivors will be witness to the new world order where Nature takes over as the dominant force on earth and humans assume their rightful subordinate position.

The radical research doctors show more concern for their lab animals than for the humans they have kidnapped as research subjects. Dr. Brightling's ex-wife is the Senior Scientific Advisor to the President. In this position, she has insight into any progress



made on vaccines against flesh-eating viruses by the US government. She has contact with the President of the Sierra Club, an organization concerned with environmental issues. His organization fears new drilling in Alaska will destroy the habitat of elk and caribou and malign the fragile permafrost. When compared to the radical goals of Brightling and his followers, the Sierra Club issues appear trivial.

Modern environmentalists are emotional about their causes and at times have broken laws and committed acts of violence. However, the Horizon radicals depicted in this book are beyond the fringe. Their over-the-top views are difficult to fathom and are hopefully nothing that will ever be seen in the real world.

Ideological Terrorism

The top-secret Rainbow unit is formed to fight terrorism. They are called in to resolve terrorist/hostage situations in Austria, Switzerland, Spain, England, and Australia. Several of the incidents involve ideological terrorists from the terror network existing before the fall of the Soviet Union. The ideological terrorist is the most difficult to defeat since they, at least in their view, have a cause or belief that has more importance than money or power.

Since the ideological terrorist holds his beliefs as paramount, his own life or the lives of others have very little value. The ideological terrorist is the most difficult to deal or reason with as his overarching dogma is the god he worships. In this story, there are several instances involving the terrorist with an ideological bent. Although they do not refuse payment for their operations, their ultimate goal is the release of comrades who they define as political prisoners.

Laws and mores are meaningless to these dogmatic firebrands. As is told by the thoughts and comments of Popov, many of the Russians who were old-guard terrorists moved on and became capitalists. However, some rebels such as the IRA held fast to communism's promise of a Radiant Future and are stuck in the past.

Style

Point of View

The entire tale is told in the narrative, third-person omniscient. The omniscient point of view allows the reader to know everything the characters know including their thoughts—to a degree. Even though Clancy uses this all-knowing style, he obviously withholds key information for dramatic purposes. The reader is immediately aware of gaps in the story, missing pieces in the puzzle. This gradual revelation of facts and events creates a backdrop for suspense and anticipation keeping the reader engaged and eager for more.

The reader knows that Popov has stumbled on to information convincing him that there is a secret counter-terrorism unit. At the same time, we learn that John Clark is aware that a former KGB agent might well be acting as a puppet-master instigating the spattering of recent terrorist activity. Since the reader has a bird's eye-view of the activities and thoughts of both men, we know that Popov and Clark unwittingly are working toward each other—a case of spy v. spy. But there are several starts and stops to this story line before the reader knows the eventual outcome.

Another important story line, is the impending spread of the deadly Shiva virus. The reader knows the where and when of the plot to launch the killer but is left hanging as to what on-going events may present a barrier. The fragmentary nature of the novel is somewhat contained by Clancy's consistency in unfolding his story in a linear fashion. The narration moves through the story devoid of flashback segments and thus avoids any confusion of time or sequence. This delivery style creates a sense of urgency in the reader and immediacy to the proceedings. The reader knows where the place keepers are and is able to retrieve the unresolved segments and match them up with their resolutions as they evolve.

Setting

The setting for the majority of Rainbow's activities is their military headquarters, which provides a backdrop for their intensive training, official meetings, strategy sessions and personal living quarters and off-duty socializing. Located in the green hills of Hereford, England, the complex includes John Clark's large office and adjoining staff office including one for his assistants. Senior staff members such as Alistair Stanley and Bill Tawney and Rainbow team leaders Chavez and Covington all have private offices nearby. Senior staff and team leaders meet quite often in these offices for tactical and strategic planning sessions. Rainbow's complex also contains accommodations for their extensive exercise routines such as running tracks, target shooting range and practice scenario buildings, where they hone their skills in virtual hostage/terrorist situations. The large base also provides living quarters for Rainbow members. John's house is described as large and homey while Domingo's house is comfortable but a little smaller.



Also located on the base, is an NCO club and a pub where team members meet to relax and discuss their recent experiences.

The other chief setting is at a clinical research lab where the deadly Shiva virus is being developed and tested. Located in Binghamton, NY, research doctors are developing the Shiva virus and Shiva virus vaccines as well as testing the strength of each. This clinical setting is large, housing lab animals as well as human subjects in varying stages of health.

Various places around the globe are the settings for incidents in which Rainbow is involved. Of interest were the Olympics Stadium in Sydney, Australia, a Disneyland-like amusement park in Madrid, and a large private mansion in the hills outside of Vienna, Austria.

Language and Meaning

Tom Clancy writes with authority on all things military providing authentic and technical descriptions and language. With the lay person in mind, however, he does not go over the top with this military jargon. Generally, his writing style provides great detail, sometimes losing one in its minutia. In some cases, however, he writes with an assumed posture, skipping clarifying detail. Just when one is on the verge of slipping into ennui with a lengthy passage, Clancy ambushes with a shift to new austere territory causing the reader to shake himself alert and pay attention. His style may be slightly schizophrenic by design ensuring the reader stays off balance and engaged. Clancy develops his characters in realistic terms. They seem alive and come off the page. His heroes are three-dimensional—not perfect but believable. Although there is great camaraderie among the Rainbow team members, Clancy laces a measure of competition and envy throughout their story, adding a realistic backdrop to an organization consisting of high-achieving go-getters. Other than Popov, who eventually shows humane qualities, his villains are non-sympathetic one-dimensional characters. Clancy writes in a literate manner with a minimum of symbolism. However, the irony in the man versus jungle/nature ending is not lost on the reader.

Structure

Clancy relies on cliff-hangers and new story-line threads to engender tension, suspense, and expectation. During the opening portions of the story, Rainbow Six seems to have a multitude of sub-plots that have absolutely no relevance to one another. However, as the story unfolds, most of the sub-plots wind up playing key roles in the overall story. Segments seem to be stuck in inopportune almost inappropriate time, causing the reader to switch gears at a break-neck speed. However, as the story-line proceeds, some of these seemingly unrelated segments are tied together. Still there are some new threads he introduces that never have resolution. Just as in his writing style, this serves to throw the reader out of kilter. It is almost as though he is toying with the reader, taking one to a possible solution when he's actually sending him down a



road that goes no where. Clancy uses terse dialog between the characters that moves the story along in a fast-paced manner. The familiar style Clancy uses for Rainbow team members serves to underscore their closeness and allegiance to one another. They have trained and worked so intensely with each other that only a sparsity of words are required to communicate. Clancy is a masterful story-teller with a style and structure that keeps the reader on his toes.



Quotes

"My name's Clark and I suppose I'm the boss here."
(Pg. 30, chapter 1)

"Honey, my cholesterol is one-three-zero, my resting heart-rate is fifty-six. I am a lean, mean fighting machine, doctor!"
(Pg. 90, chapter 5)

"You and we will be taking a trip. If you behave yourself, you will come to no harm. If you do not, you and the others will be killed. Is that clear?"
(Pg. 128, chapter 7)

"The damage might never be repaired. The permafrost—there's nothing more delicate on the face of the earth."
(Pg. 211, chapter 11)

"He's very confident. He figures he's in a safe place and he's holding all the cards and if he kills a few more kids, that's okay, because it'll get him what he wants."
(Pg. 296, chapter 15)

"If they want to look like local cops, they ought to not use a USAF helicopter."
(Pg. 332, chapter 17)

"You know when I was in the Bureau, we used to say that the IRA was composed of the best terrorists in the world, dedicated, smart and utterly vicious."
(Pg. 417, chapter 23)

"It really is a waste of time. F4 is dead, just her heart's still beating. We've tried everything. Nothing stops Shiva. Not a damned thing."
(Pg. 466, chapter 27)

"I don't want any of you to get killed. There's been enough of that today, hasn't there? Tim, do you enjoy killing people?"
(Pg. 531, chapter 28)

"Dmitriy, human life on the plant is going to come to a screeching halt."
(Pg. 641, chapter 35)

"It's in a safe place. The terrorists I know have all become capitalists with regard to cash money, but thanks to your people those I contacted have no further need of money, do they?"
(Pg. 675, chapter 37)



"Nature isn't real sentimental, Domingo. She doesn't distinguish between friends and enemies."

(Pg. 730, epilogue)



Topics for Discussion

What were the reasons John Clark gave in recommending the formation of a counter-terrorism unit?

Why does the American who hires the former KGB spy want him to instigate terrorist activity in Europe?

How does Terry Noonan's high-tech device called a "Tri-Coder" locate people who are hiding at a scene?

Who leaked the identify of John Clark to John Brightling of Horizon Corporation placing John and his family in danger?

What makes Popov leave the Horizon complex and seek help from his former adversary John Clark?

Where and how does Horizon plan to launch the spread of the Shiva virus?

What is the punishment Brightling and his followers receive for their diabolical plans and actions?