

(Beware EMP)

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FADE IN:

EXT. SUBURBAN HOUSE - DAY

A suburban house is shown with a heavy snowfall covering the yard and streets. The sun has just come out. The snow is wet, as it also covers the bushes and branches.

BILL, 60, not in a coat, is outside for a moment, and brings a newspaper inside. He thinks he sees a sudden flash.

INT. BASEMENT - DAY

Bill sits in his writing lab at his computer, and is working on his website, with provocative essays about terrorism. His television is on, playing 24 hour news.

Suddenly, his computer screen goes blank as the power supply from his power strip is off. His other computer is on. He turns it off, switches the two power strips between the two outlet plugs, and gets his computer started.

The television shows "BREAKING NEWS" and shows an explosion.

Suddenly all the power goes off. Bill goes upstairs, and looks outside. Curiously, much of the snow is gone.

He tries to boot up a laptop and it fails on a blue screen.

He picks up a landline phone and it is dead.

He tries his cell phone and it is dead.

He opens his garage door manually. He tries to start his car and it does not crank.

He walks outside as other neighbors begin to congregate. From the east, an angry black cloud approaches.

Now almost all the snow is gone.

Two neighbors, the first (NEIGHBOR) a middle aged woman and the second a teenage boy (NEIGHBOR 2), age 18, approaches. Curiously, they are both in summer clothing. The teenager is inspecting himself closely.

NEIGHBOR

Bill, you don't like to cook do
you.

NEIGHBOR 2

Bill, you can embroider but you
can't darn.

Bill goes back inside and turns on a gas stove. He puts a hot
dog in the water as it boils.

He walks outside.

BILL

I'll take you up on your gas
generator.

NEIGHBOR 2

I might as well come over.

The teenager walks inside and lies down on the sofa.

BILL

It's over, isn't it. Modern time,s
that is. At least, I had my life.

Bill approaches the teenager. The teenager smirks.

BILL

You must have stayed inside when it
happened.

Bill looks outside and sees other people gathering. A least
one of them looks completely bald.

BILL

A lot of your friends are less
fortunate than you.

NEIGHBOR 2

It's all in your mind. But I stayed
inside for a reason.

Bill approaches him.

NEIGHBOR 2

I dove inside just in time.

The teenager beckons.

BILL

Is this an e-bomb, or is it a
suitcase nuke.

NEIGHBOR 2

Time will tell.

Dark brownish clouds cross the sky now and almost blot out the sun, dropping ash on the remaining snow. The boy beckons. But Bill backs away and looks outside. Bill starts inspecting his own body, which is changing.

NEIGHBOR 2
It's all in your mind.

FADE OUT.