



EBOLA GEMS CAME INTO HIS BODY. WE THOUGHT IT WAS MALARIA, BUT HE WAS SOON MUCH WORSE. JUST REALIZING, GRANDFATHER WRAPPED A LITTLE BLOOD IN HIS EYE.



HE HAD VOMITING AND DIARRHEA. HIS FEVER GOT EVEN HIGHER. HE WAS ADMITTED TO THE HOSPITAL.



"I RAN TO GET THE NESTS. I RAN TOGET THE NESTS," HE SAID.



THE NESTS THOUGHT IT MIGHT BE EBOLA. BUT GRANDFATHER HAD ALREADY DIED. I WAS HEARTBROKEN.

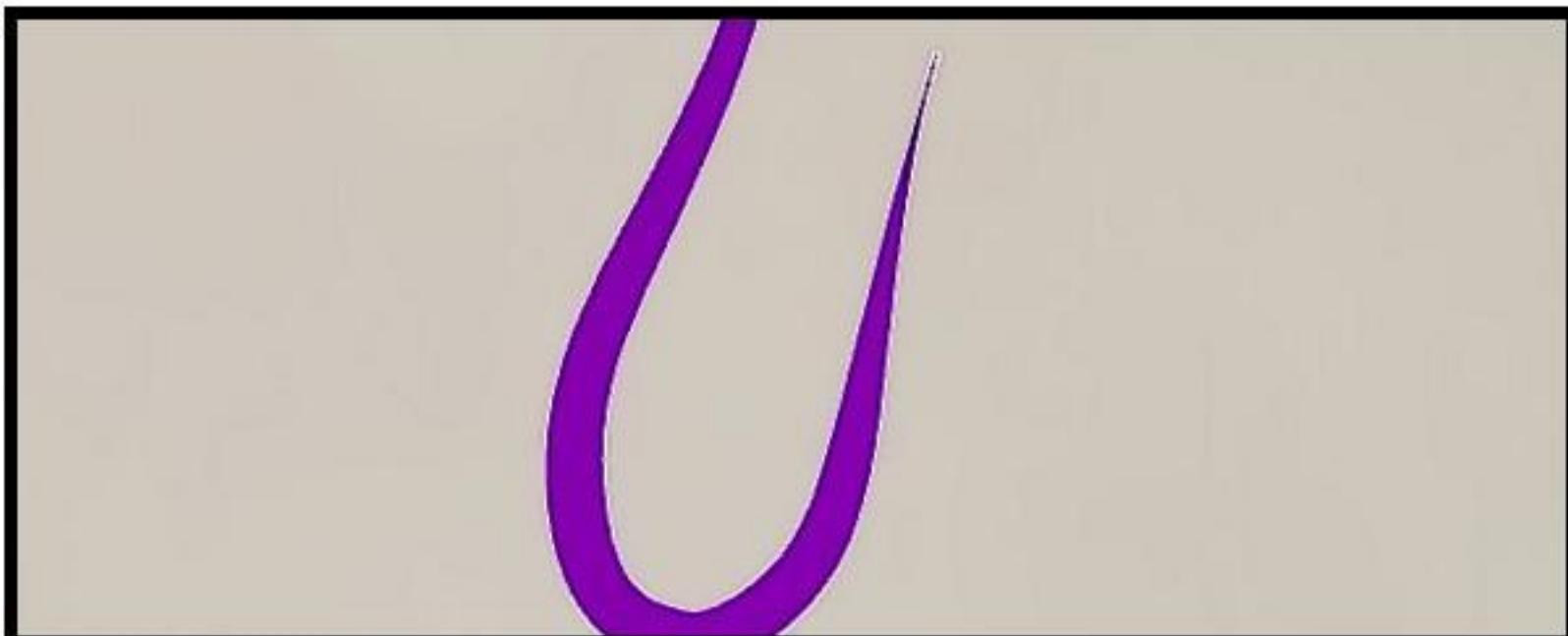


DISEASE CAUGHT FROM BUSH MEAT, BUT WHICH SPREADS FROM PERSON TO PERSON. CAN BE FATAL IF CAUGHT WHILE EATING BUSH MEAT. CAN ALSO BE TRANSMITTED THROUGH CONTACT WITH INFECTED MEAT.

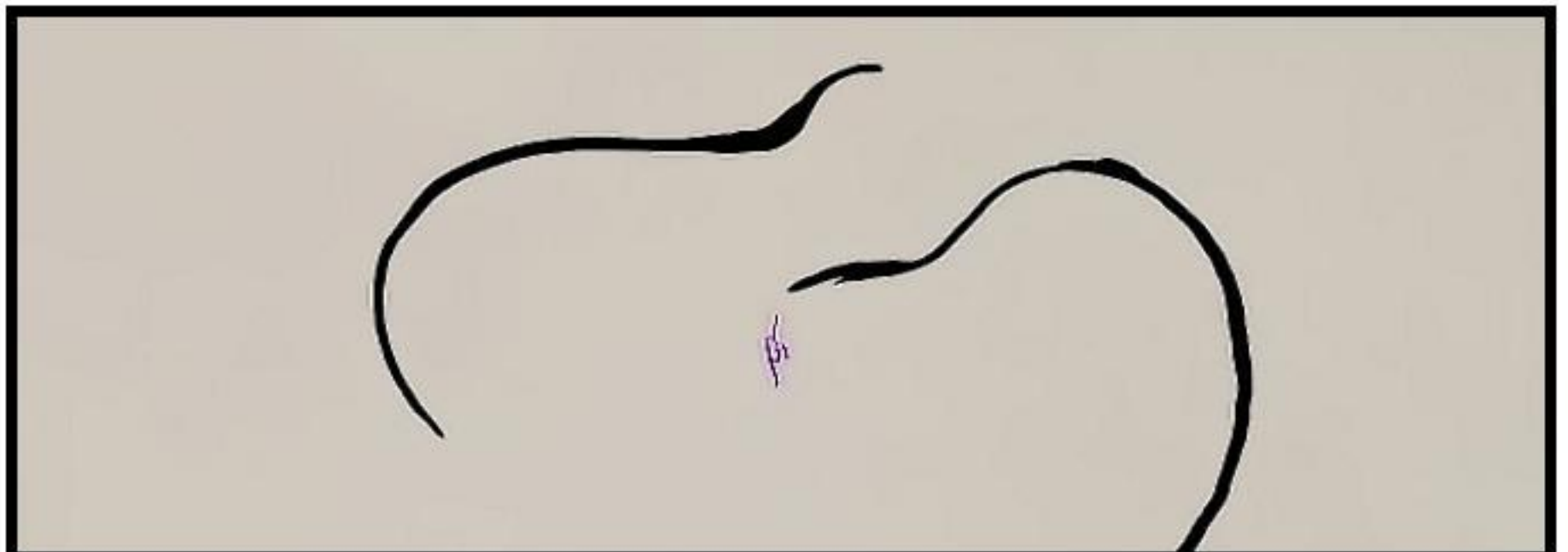


"OTHERS IN OUR REGION HAD ALREADY DIED OF THIS NEW DISEASE," HE SAYS. "IT IS A NEW DISEASE. IT IS NOT A NEW THING"

EBOLA WAS IN THE BODY FLUIDS OF SOMEONE WHO WAS SICK OR HAD DIED OF EBOLA. UNLESS WE UNDERSTOOD THE DISEASE AND FOLLOWED THEIR RULES, IT COULD SPREAD FURTHER AND KILL MANY MORE PEOPLE.



THEIR SWEAT, TEARS, MUCUS, SALIVA, VOMIT, DIARRHEA, URINE, BREAST MILK, SEXUAL FLUIDS.

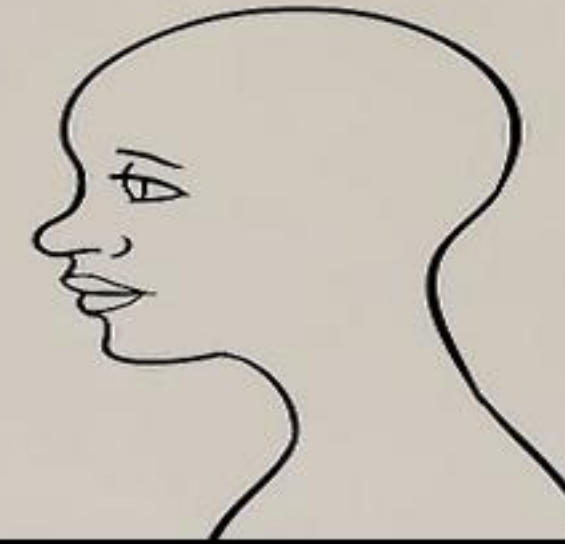


BLOOD. AND BLOOD. AND BLOOD, BLOOD AND MORE BLOOD. BLOOD AND BLOOD! BLOOD, BLOOD, MORE BLOOD!



WHEN WE TOUCH A SICK PERSON'S BODY FLUIDS, THE EBOLA GEMS CAN GET INTO SMALL, SMALL BREAKS IN OUR SKIN, OR INTER-EYE, NOSE OR MOUTH.

THE EBOLA GEMS SPREAD INTO OUR BODY AND MAKE US SICK. WHEN SOMEBODY DIED OF EBOLA, THAT BODY IS MUCH MORE CONTAGIOUS. NO ONE SHOULD EVER TOUCH THE DEAD BODY. SHE CONTACTED THE TRAINED BURIAL TEAM TO HELP US BURY GRANDFATHER'S BODY



TO PREVENT THE SPREAD OF EBOLA, NO ONE COULD TOUCH THE BODY OF ANYONE WHO HAD DIED WITH. THEY PUT HIS BODY SAFELY AWAY IN A BAG.



"IT WAS TOO GREAT A RISK TO FOLLOW ALL OUR TRADITIONS. BUT WE STILL HONORED GRANDFATHER IN THE TIME OF EBOLA"



"OUR CHIEF GATHERED ALL THE VILLAGERS TOGETHER AFTER GRANDFATHER'S DEATH. OUR CHIEF GATHERED US ALL TOGETHER AFTER HIS DEATH," HE SAID.



"I KNEW I HAD TO STOP THEM. I WAS YOUNG BUT I STOOD UP TO BOTH OF THEM," SAYS VICTIM'S DAUGHTER.

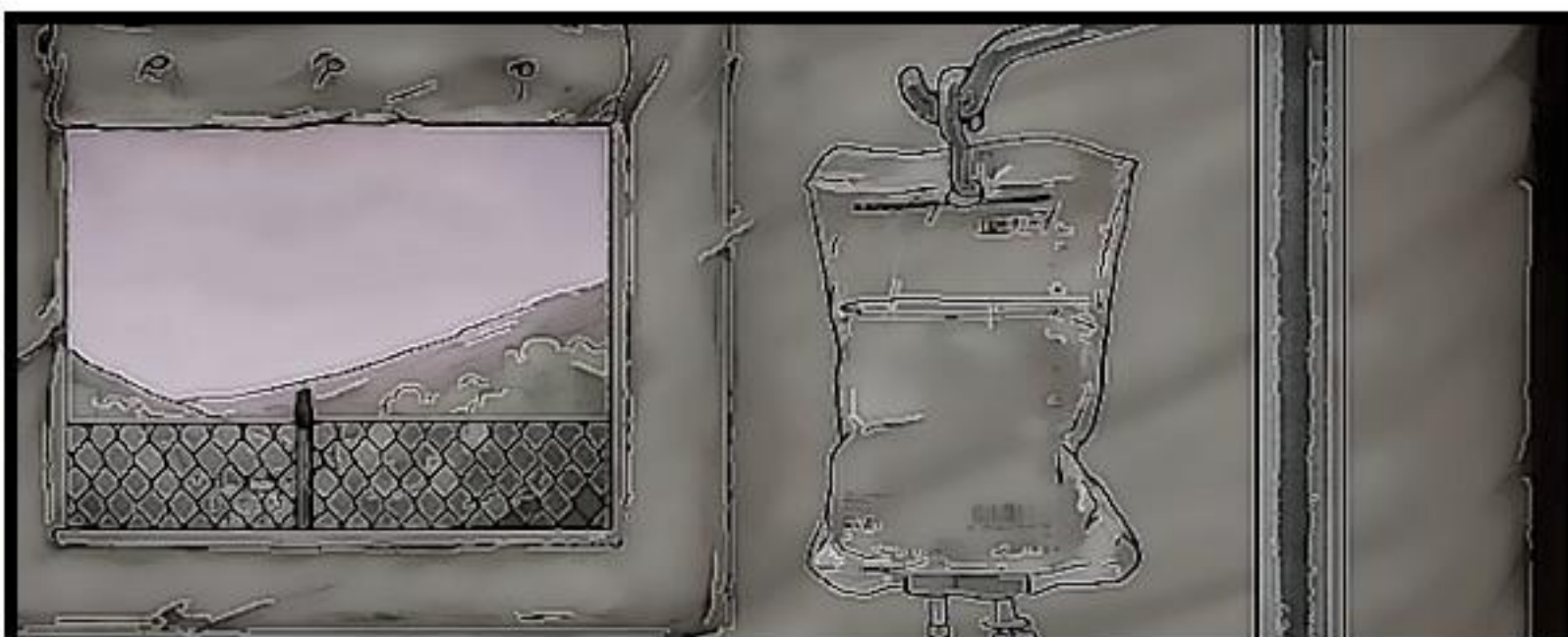


"I TOLD THEM IF THIS COULD BE EBOLA, SHE MUST GO TO THE TREATMENT CENTER RIGHT AWAY," SHE SAYS. "WE NEEDED TO TRUST IN OUR HEALTH WORKERS TO SAVE HER, SAVE OURSELVES AND SAVE OUR VILLAGE"

MY MOTHER TESTED POSITIVE FOR EBOLA. AT FIRST, THE HEALTH WORKERS LOOKED SCARY BUT I KNEW THEY WORE THE SUITS TO PROTECT THEMSELVES. THEY TOOK GOOD CARE OF MY MOTHER.



"I MISSED MY MOTHER VERY MUCH. BUT I COULD STILL TALK TO HER ON THE PHONE"



"MY MOTHER GOT BETTER DAY BY DAY. SADLY, SOME PEOPLE IN MY VILLAGE DIDN'T SURVIVE"





"WE WERE ABLE TO SEE HER FROM A SAFE DISTANCE. SOON WE WERE ABLE TO SEE SHE FROM A SAFE DISTANCE," SHE SAID.



OUR VILLAGE FOLLOWED THEIR RULES. WE TRUSTED OUR HEALTH WORKERS, BROUGHT OUR SICK FOR CARE RIGHT AWAY. ONE DAY, THE NESTS ANNOUNCED THAT MY MOTHER WOULD LIVE. NOW WE WERE SAFE TO HUG AND KISS HER.



OUR VILLAGE SURVIVED EBOLA. YOURS CAN TOO. WE NEED FOOD AND WATER. AND WATER AND SHELTER.



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