

## THE ASTRONAUT



### FEATURE FILM SYNOPSIS :

Morning. A male Astronaut wakes in the middle of a desert. He has no idea how he got there. He finds a remote gas station. There are cars damaged by a truck that has swerved into a ditch, and five people in a state of deep sleep-like unconsciousness, among them a small boy and his mother. The cars or communications don't work. The Astronaut changes into regular clothes and hides his space suit. He tries to wake the people without success. When fixing one of the cars, he gets an electric shock and a flashback from the past 24 hours: he is carrying out a secret weapons test in space.

The Astronaut wakes the people at the gas station with electric shocks. None of them remember the past 24 hours, not even the Astronaut. He lies to them about his occupation. The Astronaut wants to find out how widely this unconsciousness has spread and what has caused it. Suddenly one of the men kidnaps the small boy. The Astronaut manages to stop them at a car crash scene near the gas station and captures the man. The boy's father has hired the man to take the boy back to his father. The car crash victims have died due to losing consciousness and colliding their cars after that. Anxiety grows about how widespread the unconsciousness is.

Evening. The group finds the Astronaut's space suit and his identity is revealed. He discloses that he has been in space carrying out a weapons test, but doesn't know what caused the unconsciousness on Earth. The others suspect that he knows more. Events are interrupted, when thousands of strange lights land all over the dark horizon. The closest light lands in the desert a few miles from the gas station. The lights send out an impulse that has no effect on the Astronaut or the rest of the group. Instead, it wakes people and animals from unconsciousness. The nearby village inhabitants and animals wander in a trance past the station towards the light source. The captured man takes the opportunity to escape. His attempt leads to a fight and he dies.

The Astronaut asks to receive strong electric shocks to remember what happened in

space. He gets more flashbacks and suspects that something did go wrong in the weapons test and that he is partly responsible for the events on Earth. The truck driver goes to find out about the light source, describes it through a walkie-talkie as a strange, jellyfish-like creature into which the tranced people and animals merge. The creature attacks the truck driver and the connection cuts off. Now the Astronaut and the others understand that thousands of these creatures have landed all over the world.

Night. The Astronaut and the few others, who are still left, try to leave from the station, when one of the creatures comes. It destroys the gas station owner. The Astronaut finds out that he caused the creatures to appear with the weapons test, and discovers how the creatures paralyzed the whole world into a state of unconsciousness to assimilate people to themselves.

Creatures believe that this is for the best for the humankind, who can't seem to be able to take care of the planet Earth. The Astronaut manages to get in contact with the creatures to assure them to give humankind another change. The creatures return to the sky Morning.

The Astronaut, the boy, and the mother begin a new day at the gas station, in a quiet world and start to look for other survivors.

