

APPENDICES

Synopsis of *State of Fear*

Peter Evans is a lawyer employed by George Morton, a millionaire and philanthropist who funds the operation of NERF, an environmental organization fighting for a lawsuit that condemns global warming. One day, George Morton becomes suspicious of how NERF is spending his money. After spending some time investigating NERF secretly, Morton decides to withdraw his support for NERF. However, he quite suddenly dies in a car crash. The death of Morton leaves Evans, together with Morton's secretary named Sarah Jones, to further investigate the suspicious activities behind NERF. Helped by the military-trained John Kenner and Sanjong Thapa, Evans and Sarah uncovers ELF, an extremist environmental organization trying to drive the public and the media to think that global warming is real and dangerous. ELF uses technology to create disasters that harm people and they will then accuse global warming as the culprit.

Evans and his group travel to various places from the Antarctica to McKinley State Park, to the Resolution Bay on the island of Gareda in the Pacific, to prevent the eco-terrorists from completing their evil deed. ELF's last attempt is to generate a massive tsunami that will strike the coast of California. Evans, together with Sarah, Kenner, and Sanjong, as well as Morton who turns out to

have faked his death, go to the dangerous island and in the end succeed in averting the potential catastrophe.

Biography of Michael Crichton

Michael Crichton was an American author famous for his work on the science fiction and medical thrillers genre. Born on the 23rd of October 1942, in Chicago, Illinois, Crichton was also a renowned General Practitioner, producer, director, and screenwriter, whose name first rocketed to fame when *Jurassic Park* was made into one of the highest-grossing movie adaptation in 1993.

Crichton has expressed his interest in writing since he was young, and even wrote a column for the The New York Times magazine at the age of 14. His interest in writing was influenced by his father, John Henderson Crichton, who worked as a journalist. Before enrolling in Harvard Medical School and getting his M.D. degree, Crichton once pursued undergraduate studies in literature. However, an issue with the department made him switch his concentration to biological anthropology, from which he obtained his bachelor's degree in 1964.

Crichton has always wanted to become a writer but did not think he could make a living as a writer, hence he enrolled in Medical School. However, his works that were only intended to pay for his tuition began to be successful, so after graduating, Crichton finally decided to write full time. He started to become famous mostly for his best-selling novels such as *The Andromeda Strain* and *The Great Train Robbery*. He was also successful when he ventured into the film industry where he, amongst others, produced the critically-acclaimed *ER* television drama series, which won him the George Foster Peabody Award and

the Primetime Emmy Award for Outstanding Drama Series. Besides the well-known *Jurassic Park*, many of his novels are also adapted into movies, some of which are *The Andromeda Strain*, *Rising Sun*, *Disclosure*, *Sphere*, and *Congo*.

Michael Crichton, whom many regard as the father of the techno-thriller genre together with Tom Clancy, died on 4 November 2008 in Los Angeles. He was diagnosed with throat cancer in early 2008, but was expected to make a recovery. Unfortunately, Michael Crichton succumbed to the illness at the age of 66, leaving behind his fifth wife, Sherri Alexander, and two children.

Source : “Michael Crichton. Biography”

“Q & A with Michael Crichton”

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