

## Invasion okay but a hard sell

But the dogs know something is up. They growl. That's why the nice, mild-mannered folks who do most of their talking, and all of their living, without changing their facial expressions, losing their temper or getting excited, start wringing the animals' necks.

"The Invasion" is a perfectly watchable, agreeably paranoid remake of that most paranoid of last-humans-on-Earth contagion movies, "Invasion of the Body Snatchers." But coming as it does after "28 Days Later," "28 Weeks Later," "Dawn of the Dead" and the like - and just ahead of Will Smith's December "I Am Legend" - it can seem quaint, not quite state-of-the-art.

Not the fault of the cast, though. Oscar winner Nicole Kidman stars as Carol, a psychiatrist who starts to notice everyone seems "a little disconnected." Not just the ones she's medicating, either. And it all started when the Space Shuttle Patriot crashed.

People have seizures in the streets. Hysterics run up to her car shrieking "We've got to warn people!"

"No sleep, no sleep, no sleep," a woman mutters as she runs, avoiding eye contact with all the suits walking the crowded streets of Washington.

Everything is working. The trains are running. The government keeps saying "It's the flu." Her ex-husband (Jeremy Northam), a honcho with the Centers for Disease Control, keeps that message out there. Calmly. In the flat intonations of the brainwashed. Carol is hesitant about letting their son, Oliver (Jackson Bond), go visit. But you know the courts and visitation rights.

"Something's wrong with my dad," Oliver texts her.

"My husband is not my husband," a patient (Veronica Cartwright of "The Right Stuff" and "Alien") insists. Carol, the doctor-beau she keeps at arm's length (Daniel Craig), and the beau's researcher-pal (Jeffrey Wright) start to put it all together.

Whatever you do, they realize, don't fall asleep. That's when the disease takes root and takes over.

The timing of "The Invasion" would seem right, with the nation running through one of its periodic paranoid fits. Earlier versions came out during the McCarthy-ite Red Scare of the 1950s and the Watergate/Nixon-is-spying-on-us-all 1970s. But the script doesn't find ways to comment on our fearful times.

Promising ideas about a mass single-cell organism and a cell-phone-connected culture float on the outskirts of the plot - it feels like a film cut down from a longer, probably no better movie. Ms. Kidman's performance has a rising fierceness that isn't helped by the truncated length.

Director Oliver Hirschbiegel (the German Hitler film "Downfall") doesn't start this story quietly and work it and us to a fever pitch. The rarely used dramatic device, the "flash forward," shows Carol maniacally rummaging through a ransacked pharmacy in the opening scene.

Mid- to late August is traditionally a stretch when Hollywood studios unload movies that aren't very good or that it can't figure out how to market. "The Invasion" doesn't fail so miserably as to warrant dumping. But a movie in which the infected win converts by vomiting in their coffee, or in their open mouths, is going to be a hard sell at any time.

At 17:00 on August 22, 2007 this night, Xinyang and Zhumadian, Nanyang, Zhoukou, Kaifeng, Shangqiu, Xuchang, Luohe, Zhengzhou, Pingdingshan 10 regions underworld cloudy, with rain in most areas or thunderstorm, Xinyang and Zhumadian, Nanyang to 3 some areas have moderate rain, localized heavy rain; other regions cloudy with local showers or thunderstorm. Tomorrow, Xinyang and Zhumadian, Nanyang, Zhoukou, Xuchang, Luohe, Pingdingshan seven regions cloudy overcast, with light rain in some areas or thunderstorm; Other regions cloudy with local showers. Three easterly province around. Lowest Temperature : western, northern 21-23 degrees, in other regions from 24 to 26 degrees. Maximum temperature : the province from 30 to 32 degrees. On the 24th, and southwest cloudy; Other parts of sunny to cloudy. On the 25th, the North cloudy to overcast, with light rain in some areas or thunderstorm in other parts cloudy with intermittent sunshine. Zhengzhou City : Today, tomorrow night, rain changing to cloudy, easterly winds around three. Minimum temperature : 25 to 26 degrees; Maximum temperature : 31 to 32 degrees.n

Vicia faba pest management, besides choosing resistant varieties, rational close planting and pruning, do a good job of Floodwater drought, increased use certain range, broad bean enhanced resistance, chemical control is essential. 1. Check spot disease : President leaves out the red dots and gradually expand into a round or oval-shaped lesion, the serious parts were just turned black and dry rot. Stem walls with black sclerotia. Chemical control : in the early stage of disease, spraying 1:2:100 the Bordeaux mixture. After every 10 days, sprayed 50% Carbendazim a meeting of the

500-fold, even spray two or three times. Practice shows : Bordeaux early spraying liquid spray carbendazim than good. After spraying carbendazim, defense efficiency exceeding Bordeaux mixture. 2. Rust : Coral appeared on leaves, leaf dry up. All serious plants withered. Chemical control : 15% of available triadimefon 50 grams of water 50 to 60 kg of spraying.n

After application about 20 days and then spraying a meeting. Early attention to the timely application, and anti-poor efficiency. 3. Wilt : The incidence of black root, root tall, with fewer lateral roots, color turn yellow, wither plants were wilting from the top, vertical stems and leaves wilt. Chemical control : the onset of thiophanate-methyl available 50% 500-fold poured Shi roots. Use 2 to 3 times, a better control effect. 4. Vicia faba like : Drilling larvae broad bean seeds hazards. Eating seeds resulting from change, lighter and caused production, quality deterioration. Chemical control : Vicia faba early flowering was 30 days with 34-speed variant small 20 ml of water spray 60 kg adult poisoned. Seven days after spraying a time, the results were very good. In broadbean finally flowering period, 40% of spraying rogor 1000 times, kill the larvae, have good results.

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