

NELE a novel and new half-hour TV series (Sci-fi, horror, science fact) centering around the possibilities of near Extinction Level Events (NELE) occurring in the near future. Each season is designed around 6-7 episodes and leans on works like The Outer Limits and Twilight Zone. Below are logline, synopsis, a link to a trailer, and author bio.

Drug Broot (S1E1) by Steve Romaniuk

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Logline:

Dr. Mara Voss, a disgraced FDA microbiologist haunted by a botched recall that killed her daughter, races to expose broots—invisible parasites that hijack drug molecules and trigger lethal intestinal bleeding—before the contaminated global medication supply collapses civilization in 72 hours, forcing her to weaponize the very industry that blacklisted her.

TV Script - Drug Broot (Season 1, Episode 1)

Synopsis: “DRUG BROOT” – Pilot Episode (28-minute runtime)

COLD OPEN (2 min)

A pristine pill factory at dawn. A single white capsule rolls off the line.

CLOSE-UP: inside the gelatin shell, a broot—a translucent, six-legged speck—latches onto the active ingredient, rewriting its chemistry in real time. Cut to a suburban kitchen: a mother gives her diabetic son the pill. Thirty seconds later, he clutches his stomach, blood pouring from his mouth. Smash to title.

ACT 1 (7 min)

DR. MARA VOSS (38, sharp, sleepless) is now a night-shift lab tech at a third-tier pharma contractor in Newark. She’s scanning routine samples under a microscope when she spots anomalous molecular drift—the same signature from the recall that cost her career and her daughter’s life five years ago. Her boss, GREGOR PAINE (55, slick VP of Quality), dismisses it as “instrument noise” and orders the batch shipped. Mara secretly pockets a vial. At home, Mara’s wall is a conspiracy shrine: FDA memos, autopsy photos, a child’s drawing labeled “Mommy fixes the bad pills.” Her ex-husband, CDC epidemiologist DR. LEON VOSS, texts: “Another bleed-out cluster—Chicago. Same profile.” Mara realizes the broots are airborne in production dust and already inside 80% of U.S. insulin, statins, and blood thinners.

ACT 2 (9 min)

Mara crashes a closed-door FDA emergency briefing via a hacked Zoom link. DR. AMARA SINGH (42, CDC Incident Commander) reveals:

Broots reproduce every 20 minutes inside gelatin capsules.

They metabolize APIs into prions that shred intestinal lining.

No spectrometer detects them—they mimic drug spectra.

Global supply chain is 48 hours from total recall.

Singh orders a silent shutdown of all pharma plants. Mara interrupts: “You can’t. Half the world’s on daily meds. You’ll kill more with panic than the broots.” She’s ejected—but not before slipping Singh a flash drive with her data. That night, Mara breaks into Paine’s office. She finds shipping manifests: contaminated batches labeled “PRIORITY—HOSPITAL STOCKPILE.” Paine catches her. He reveals the board knew—broots cut production costs by 30% via “self-assembling fillers.” He offers her a bribe: “Join us. Fix it quietly.” Mara records him, then triggers the fire alarm to escape.

ACT 3 (7 min)

Mara races to a derelict biotech incubator. She rigs a DIY dark-field microscope using smartphone parts and UV dye—she’s the only one who knows broots glow under 395 nm when starved. She live-streams proof to #BrootGate on X. The internet explodes: pharmacies empty, riots at CVS, insulin-dependent diabetics forming black-market co-ops. Singh tracks Mara down. Instead of arrest, she deputizes her: “We need a kill switch. Now.” Mara’s plan: weaponize the broots’ metabolism—flood them with a decoy molecule that crystallizes inside their bodies, turning them into detectable shards. But the decoy is Paine’s private cancer drug—still in trials, unapproved, and locked in his lab.

ACT 4 (3 min)

Climax in Paine’s lab at 3 a.m. Mara and a rogue security guard (JAX, 28, ex-Marine with a bleeding ulcer) confront Paine. He’s already ingesting the decoy to frame Mara for sabotage. Mara injects the decoy into the factory’s master batch tank. Broots gorge, crystallize, and shatter the pills into glittering dust—visible under UV. Alarms blare. Paine bleeds out from his own intestines.

TAG (1 min)

Dawn. Mara stands on the factory roof as hazmat teams swarm. Singh hands her an FDA badge: “You’re reinstated. But the supply chain’s dead for six months. We’re looking at 30 million bleed-outs before we restart.” Mara stares at the sunrise: “Then we don’t restart. We rebuild—broot-proof.” She opens her phone. A new X post from

@mobiletimestoda

: “Day 1 of the Great Medication Drought. Who’s ready to burn it all down and build something

that can't be poisoned?"

END OF PILOT

(Stinger: In a dark server farm, a 3D printer whirs—spitting out broot-resistant gelatin capsules stamped with a single word: VOSS.)

Author Bio

Steve G. Romaniuk is an American computer scientist and author, born in 1963 on Long Island, New York. He has a diverse career spanning several fields, including science fiction writing, technical drawing, video game development, AI academic.

Career Highlights

Writing

Science Fiction Author: Romaniuk has published over a dozen short stories and co-authored a novel in German during his early career.

Recent Works: He has released multiple volumes of "Tales from the Alternate Universe," with several published in 2024 and 2025.

Other Contributions

Technical Drawings: He created technical illustrations for speculative magazines.

Video Game Development: In the early 1980s, he worked on porting arcade games.

Notable Publications

TITLE YEAR PUBLISHED

Tales from the Alternate Universe: Vol. 1 2023

Tales from the Alternate Universe: Vol. 2 2024

Tales from the Alternate Universe: Vol. 3 2024

Drug Broot & The Day the Tar Gave Away of the UH-NELE series.

2025

Cooking with Steve Vol. 1 2024

Survival Guide to World Travel - Hawai'i: Vol. 3 2025

Busting the Bank: How to Beat the Casino's at Their Own Game 2025

Romaniuk's work spans various genres, including speculative fiction, satire, and survival guides, reflecting his broad interests and expertise.

Author Publications

<https://publications.stevegromaniuk.com>

Trailer for Drug Broot (S1E1)

<https://announce.stevegromaniuk.com/2025/11/drug-broot-tv-trailer.html>