

# The Sleep Experiment

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Two detectives begin an investigation on the ethics involved in the top-secret research facility, Porton Down. One experiment, in particular, stands out to them as the most horrific, The Sleep Experiment, a scientific experiment that took place during the Cold War.

As their investigation deepens, their focus turns to Christopher Sampson, one of the researchers who worked on the experiment, who initially seems genuine in his endeavours.

The experiment consisted of five prisoners, deemed Enemies of the State, being locked in a sealed gas chamber. An airborne stimulant was continually administered to keep the subjects awake for 30 consecutive days. The prisoners were falsely promised that they would be set free from the prison if they completed the experiment.

The subjects behaved as usual during the initial 5 days, talking to each other and whispering to the researchers through the one-way glass, though it was noted that their discussions gradually became darker in the subject matter.

As sleep deprivation took hold, the inmates began to hallucinate, prisoner, turning on prisoner. By Day 15, the experiment had to end early due to one of the inmates brutally murdering another.

The researchers decided to turn off the stimulating gas and reopen the chamber. The subjects did not want the gas to turn off, for fear they would fall asleep. Upon looking inside, they discovered that the four surviving subjects had performed severe mutilation and disembowelment on themselves.

The subjects violently refused to leave the chamber and begged the scientists to continue administering the stimulant, murdering two soldiers and severely injuring another that attempted to remove them.

After eventually being removed from the chamber, all subjects were shown to exhibit extreme strength, unprecedented resistance to drugs and sedatives, the ability to remain alive despite lethal injuries, and a desperate desire to stay awake and be given the stimulant.

The detectives discover that Christopher was the mastermind behind the experiment. Designing it to go wrong in order to prove to the whole world that there's a monster deep inside us all, waiting to be unleashed at any moment, waiting to be freed.

This is the story of what happened during The Sleep Experiment. Inspired by real events, The Sleep Experiment is a psychological thriller that exposes the horrors of what humanity is capable of when pushed to the brink.