

## DESIGNFLAW

## Log Line

Not all miracles come from God.

## **Synopsis**

September. Claudi Beckner, celebrated center for the SFU basketball team, takes her place on the court; her father, Steve, cheers supportively. Claudi's success as a young woman has been a winning battle on two fronts: not only against other teams but against a rare form of brain cancer she fought at the age of 12.

As Claudi jumps for tip off, the crowd's joyous shouts turn to dismay when she suddenly collapses. Steve kneels beside his unconscious daughter, his worst fears flooding back from the past. An x-ray confirms the cancer's return: Claudi is dying.

With little time for recovery left, the enigmatic Dr. Maxwell offers an experimental alternative treatment. Having no other options, Steve moves his unconscious daughter to a secret location given by Maxwell: an ominous complex secluded in the autumn country side. A group of young interns called "keepers" greet the new patient as she is taken in for the experimental treatment operation.

When Claudi awakes, her injuries - and the tumor - are miraculously healed. She is introduced to Ben, a young man who has been assigned as her "keeper" during recovery. David initially rejoices in the medical miracle but he soon starts exploring the clinic and develops suspicions about the treatment's real consequences. Claudi's conversations with other patients reveal impossible and superhuman side effects of the healing process. An elderly woman can regenerate parts of her body and a middle-aged teacher warns Claudi about the "shifting beds" and "nightmarish apparitions". A young couple suggest an "otherworldly" ability to defy gravity. The next morning Claudi finds herself underneath the bed with no explanation...and half of the patients missing from their rooms.

With an ominous sense of urgency, Claudi discovers that the real price of what saved her is an extra-terrestrial organ implant that is to be harvested for Ben when it reaches "maturity" in her body. The horrifying debt for extending her own life has been scheduled for repayment as Maxwell plans to kill all of the human hosts in order to save his own species. Ben's unexpected bond with Claudi creates a rift for the doctor's master plan: Claudi's accelerated injection dosages have manifested a strength and flexibility in the organ that no one could predict. In a fantastic climax, Claudi takes on Maxwell's extraordinary powers to save herself, her father and the other patients.