Case 2 – Piedmont:

You are a member of a specially trained military team who has been called out to a very unusual scene in a small town in Nevada. Concern was raised when a number of relatives from outside Piedmont reported their phone conversations with family members suddenly ended in gasping or gurgling sounds, followed by silence on the other end of the line. You're immediately scrambled, and from the air you observe approximately forty-five bodies collapsed in and around the town’s main street. There are no signs of explosion or other trauma. From all appearances, the deaths occurred very quickly, within a matter of seconds. Women, men, and children are among the victims. No emergency calls were logged, and all attempts to reach authorities in the town have been unsuccessful.

In one home, your team encounters a young woman, ‘Carrie’. She’s clearly not in a good way, but her symptoms can be explained in a rather mundane fashion. She’s just returned from a week-long vacation in Mexico. The night before she left, Carrie had eaten a lot of tacos, covered in lettuce. She topped off the evening by getting really drunk doing tequila shots with her friends at the cantina, and realized in the morning she’d been trying to prevent dehydration with the hotel’s tap water. She's come back with a raving case of Montezuma's Revenge and has been popping Imodium for the last several days.