



BIKINI ATOLL - PARADISE RESTRICTED

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SYNOPSIS

July 1946. Bikini. An Atoll of the Marshall Islands, somewhere in the vast blue of the Pacific Ocean, between the Philippines and Hawaii. A place that could hardly be more remote. But it was its remoteness from all Western civilization which doomed it for destruction, as it was for exactly this reason that the American forces chose it as the site of the first atomic explosions after Hiroshima. A formidable fleet of discharged battleships was gathered in order to sink them all in the most spectacular way. Testing the destructive power of the bombs was not the only objective; they also wanted to make a big impression in the oncoming Cold War with the Soviet Union. During their "Operation Crossroads" in July 1946, they detonated two atomic bombs, sinking a ghost fleet of 84 battleships in the process. They were also destroying nature, life both above and under water. Parts of the huge atoll ring incurred long-term contamination. To this day, food needs to be imported to the...

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