It starts as a sore in the mouth. Then, quickly, noma—a gangrenous infection that thrives where poor sanitation and malnutrition are common—eats through facial muscles, cartilage, and skin, leaving a wound that often gapes open to the bone.

More than 100,000 children worldwide have noma; the rate in sub-Saharan Africa is as high as 1 in 1,000 a year. Most victims are children, and over 70 percent die from the disease [© National Geographic, April 2008].

Sentinelles works to prevent noma and expedites surgery for disfigured children. Donations made out to the group should include the following account information:

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