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Famous

I am splashed in almost every newspaper and mentioned in countless magazines. Society has me pegged as a traveler with limitless potential. I see myself as a tiny, trivial speck in a limitless sea. I am smart - I manage to get into so many places without people ever knowing I have passed through or paid them a visit. Anonymity was always my friend as it gave me time to spread my rarity without ever being completely revealed. As I begin to travel the world more widely, I am amazed at the ignorance with which my newly informed world viewers regard me. My shyness is like a slowly evolving acceptance, an acknowledgement of the power of my kiss. In every new place I have a chance to travel, I leave a little something that is sure to have an aggressive impact. My shyness shifts to fury, my travels rush, my exactness is almost never a sure miss. I am Ebola.

The Ebola virus is often fatal. The most recent outbreak was in March 2014. The first detected outbreak was in 1976, in the South Soudan and Democratic Republic of Congo. Some victims of the virus in 1976 lived in a village in the Democratic Republic of Congo not far from the Ebola River. There are five strains of the virus: Zaire, Bundibugyo, Sudan, Reston and Tai forest. Transmission of the virus is thought to be through contact with blood, secretions, the organs or the body fluids of infected sick and dead animals found in the rainforest. The human to human infection is transmitted through broken skin and mucous membranes via contaminated areas and contact with victims. The bedding, clothing and surfaces of a victim's environment, can trigger a transfer. An outbreak of Ebola is officially considered over forty-two days after the containment and end of new cases. The March outbreak is considered to be the largest since its discovery in 1976.

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