

# Desert Run

It's not a game anymore ...

6 x 60'

## LOGLINE:

The lives of four young American immigrant gamers are turned upside down when they're recruited to be trained as pilots for a counter-terrorism program based in the world's largest military drone base in Niger, West Africa. But when they uncover a conspiracy deep within Washington to assassinate G8 leaders using a US drone, they must find a way to stop the plan and uncover the mastermind behind the plot.

## SYNOPSIS:

Desert Run is an action-packed drama that revolves around four super-talented, young, immigrant gamers whose lives are turned upside down when they are recruited as military drone pilots. The gamers are targeted because of their unusually high earnings and unique skills, which makes them the elite of the gaming world. But they are completely unprepared for military life and the trauma of actual combat when their first mission ends with the death of two innocent children. As their personal lives begin to unravel and they are forced to carry out increasingly morally questionable missions, the team find themselves driven to find answers to the real reason behind the US drone operations in Africa. Their search for the truth uncovers a conspiracy, at the highest levels in Washington, to assassinate G8 leaders, forcing the rookies to work together to expose the truth and prevent the conspirators from accomplishing their goal.

Desert Run is a story about four young people, thrust into the midst of war, and their fight to maintain their identity in a system designed to enforce conformity. They struggle, in their own way, to hold on to their humanity and their right to think for themselves; Ilozuma, originally from Nigeria, rediscovers his African identity when he allows a local boy to breach his emotional walls. Asim, of French Algerian descent, finds a dangerous love amid war and violence. Grace, a 2nd generation Asian American, breaks the rules and rebels against the traditional expectations foisted upon her. Don, a highly-committed American patriot, loses his fight against the system and ultimately, his life. Each must choose between holding on to their humanity or being turned into human drones, instruments of remote-controlled death. They must decide whether to stay blindly loyal or to think for themselves and embrace their unique individuality.

GENRE:	ACTION / THRILLER / DRAMA
DURATION:	6 x 1 HR
SERIES LANGUAGE:	ENGLISH, FULU, ARABIC, FRENCH
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