What if the Vials Had Broken

Two weeks ago, 327 vials with dangerous pathogens were discovered in an unused federal facility. Some of the vials were 60 years old. Six of them had live smallpox virus in them. Federal officials have no idea why it took so long to find the vials. I wonder how they lost them and if more are missing.

We’ve also learned a federal scientist accidentally exposed 62 employees to anthrax. The CDC says, “These events should have never happened.” True, but given how common researchers say laboratory accidents can be, why are some scientists working to make pathogens even more lethal?
