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TEASER

FADE IN:

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1 EXT. UNDERSEA - DAY - FULL SHOT

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of the semi-dark tranquility of undersea life. Into this swims a triangular formation of five men in scuba qear. The swimmer at the point appears to be the one in command. The man to his right carries a square metal box not too unlike a suitcase. The other carries an underwater torch and an underwater light. The Leader points ahead and indicates for the swimmer carrying the torch to leave the formation and move on ahead. The swimmer with the torch waves to his leader that he understands his instructions and moves out.

2 SHOT - UNDERSEA - SEAVIEW (STOCK)

2

as the swimmer approaches the hull of the Seaview and begins to apply the torch to a section of the hull, burning an opening.

INT. SEAVIEW LAB - SECTION TWO - DAY

3

TCU-HYBRA, a monstorous looking one-celled blob of mass, pulsing and heaving, expanding and retracting its shapeless structure. Over, WE HEAR:

> NELSON'S VOICE Remarkable, Doctor...This is truly a major scientific breakthrough.

4 ANOTHER ANGLE - FAVORING NELSON AND BENNINGTON

4

as NELSON examines the Hybra that is immersed in a small fish tank while Dr. Kyle Bennington, an unsmiling, dedicated scientist, the same age as Nelson, stands alongside.

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NELSON (CONT'D)
(as he straightens up
and faces Bennington)
An almost indestructable
artificial living cell...

BENNINGTON
(dryly taking exception
to the way Nelson
phrased his compliment)
The Hybra IS indestructable,
Admiral, not almost!

NELSON
(smiles apologetically)
My apologies, Doctor, and my
congratulations! I by no means
meant to minimize your scientific achievement...

He turns back to the tank, bends over and peers into it for another look.

INT. SEAVIEW HIGH POUSURE HANDEM.

ANGLE ON ESCAPE HATCH as it is opened from the water below by hands stemming forth from rubberscuba suited arms. The hatch opened, up pops the first of the 'invaders' who scampers out of the water thru the hatch, drawing a strange looking pistol from his holster and takes a guarding position while the others come up and enter the Seaview. Once they are all up, THE LEADER indicates the direction to proceed in. They quickly scurry down the corridor, leaving one man who drops off midway along the corridor, taking up a guarding position. The others proceed towards the Lab.

SHOT - OPPOSITE END OF CORRIDOR

ANGLE ON COMPANIONWAY as one of the Seaview's crew comes down, unaware of the Invaders. Reaching the bottom of the companionway, he stops in his tracks as he sees them. He is about to turn and dash up the companionway...

SHOT - CORRIDOR - INVADERS - SEAMAN'S POV 7

> as they see him. One of the Invaders raises his weapon and aims it at the seaman and fires.

ANOTHER ANGLE 8

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as the Invader fires his weapon, a high whining sound is emitted and the seaman is eradicated. The Leader and three Invaders quickly scurry towards the Lab door. Leader flings it open. He rushes into Section One of the Lab and starts for the second room followed by his men.

INT. LAB - SECTION TWO - NELSON AND BENNINGTON

9

turn with surprise to view the uninvited guests as they enter, their weapons pointed at the two men.

LEADER

Do not move! Either of you! (to one of the men) Get the Hybra...and be careful how you handle it.

Bennington steps in front of the tank containing the Hybra cell as an Invader starts towards it.

BENNINGTON

You'll take it over my dead body!

LEADER

That can easily be arranged, Doctor. Although we would prefer you accompany us without any trouble.

(to other men)

Take him!

MED SHOT 10

10

as the other Invaders close in on Bennington, Nelson grabs the man nearest him simultaneously swinging the man around in front of himself as

10 CONTINUED

10

a shield. It distracts the second man a brief instant giving Bennington the opportunity to send a blow crashing into the second Invader. The Invader reels back against the Lab table knocking it over on its side, tossing everything to the floor including the tank containing the Hybra and the Invader who had been approaching the Hybra from the opposite side of the table.

11 ANOTHER ANGLE

11

The action taken on Nelson's part causes the Leader to squeeze the trigger of his weapon automatically. The ultrasonic sound beam, meant for Nelson, hits his own man whom Nelson had been using as a shield and the man is completely eradicated. Without benefit of shield and with Bennington and the other Invader engaging blows behind him, Nelson immediately lunges at the Leader and they both go crashing into the wall. They struggle up and continue the fight thru the door taking them from Lab Section Two to the first section of the Lab.

12 MED CLOSE SHOT - LAB SECTION TWO - BEHIND OVER-TURNED LAB TABLE

12

we see the Invader who has been temporarily knocked unconscious as he lays a few feet from the smashed tank containing the Hybra Cell and a strange looking high-intensity light of the lamp which is now concentrated on the protoplasmic blob. THE CAMERA MOVES in on the Hybra.

13 INSERT SHOT - HYBRA

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as the oozing mass slowly starts to pulsate and grow in size.

14 OMIT

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ACT ONE

FADE IN:

17 INT. SEAVIEW CONTROL ROOM - DAY

17

as the alarm sounds and all in the control room react, Crane, Morton, the Chief, Kowalski, Sparks, seamen....Kowalski, seated at the board, checks the lights for the section the alarm is coming from.

KOWALSKI Red Alert! It's the Lab!

CRANE

(into mike)
All stop. Maintain neutral
buoyancy.

Morton and the Chief exchange a puzzled glance then follow Crane who is halfway across the Control room. On his way to the stairs leading to the Lab below, he stops at the arms locker, takes a smoke grenade and a side arm and exits down the gangway.

- 18 ANGLE ON INVADER GUARD INT. CORRIDOR BELOW

 as he reacts to the sound of the alarm.
- 19 ANGLE ON GANGWAY FAVORING CRANE, MORTON AND
 THE CHIEF
 as they descend.
- 20 ANGLE ON BOTTOM OF GANGWAY INVADER CRANE'S 20
 POV

The Invader guard who has stationed himself near the bottom of the stairway sees them coming, raises his ultrasonic sound pistol and fires, but Crane manages to pull back in time barring Morton and the Chief's way.

21 CLOSE SHOT - CRANE, MORTON AND CHIEF

21

CRANE
(to Chip)

Get down the aft gangway.

If we've company down there,
keep them busy...

Morton and the Chief nod and take off back up the gangway. Crane withdraws the pin from the smoke grenade. He slowly starts to descend the seemingly empty bottom of the gangway.

22 ANOTHER ANGLE



Crane tosses the grenade. The bottom of the canguay explodes in a cloud of smoke. Crane dashes down into the smoke cover.



SHOT - INVADER



Ready to fire, but not being able to find a target in the cloud of smoke ahead of him at the base of the gangway. In his confusion, Crane darts out of the cloud of smoke--with two fast 'chops' gets the Invader out of action.



INT. LAB - SECTION TWO - ANGLE ON BENNINGTON AND HIS 'INVADER'

24

as they struggle over the ultrasonic pistol, each of the men having a finger on the trigger.

25 INSERT SHOT - TRIGGER

25

with both men's fingers practically interlocked on it. We see the trigger slowly being squeezed back.

26 SHOT - BENNINGTON AND INVADER

26

with the CAMERA shooting from behind Bennington so that the Invader is masked off. All we see

		26
26	CONTINUED	20
	of the Invader is his legs buckling as he sinks to the floor. Bennington stares down at him.	
27	SHOT - INVADER ON FLOOR AT BENNINGTON'S FEET BENNINGTON'S POV	27
	The body of the Invader disappears. Bennington rushes out of Lab Section Two, into Section One for Nelson's aid.	
28	ANGLE ON LEADER	28
	as the Leader draws a knife on Nelson, Crane appears in the hatchway.	
	CRANE	
	Drop it.	
	The Leader turns and throws the knife in Crane's direction. It misses and Crane fires. The Leader stiffens, one hand reaching to the wound. Crane enters the Lab and helps Nelson to his feet.	
29	THRU 31 OMIT	
32	ANOTHER ANGLE	32
	as a weary Bennington joins them, Nelson sighs	

with relief.

NELSON I must say, your timing is excellent, Lee... I thought we had it.

CRANE

I was afraid we might have all had it.

(nods, indicates the body)

Who's our friend?

NELSON

(bending down)
Exactly what I would like to know.

32 CONTINUED

He pulls of the rubber headgear that has masked most of the Leader's face. He then looks up at Crane.

NELSON (CONT'D)
Never saw him before.

BENNINGTON
I'm afraid it's a bit late
for introductions - but...

Crane and Nelson look to Bennington

BENNINGTON (CONT'D)

His name is Doctor Curzon.

He was my associate on this project until three months ago. We had a disagreement and I severed our relationship.

NELSON
Well! It seems he didn't
intend to make it a permanent
separation. Any idea why,
Doctor?

BENNINGTON
(shrugs)
He had some foolish notion
that the Hybra was as much his
discovery as mine. Which of
course was entirely untrue.

The Chief and Morton rush in, prepared to continue the fight, but are halted by the sight of all being under control.

CHIEF
(with a sigh of relief)
Everybody okay?

CRANE
(nods to Chief)
Any other uninvited guests?

MORTON

Only found one trying to get out the escape hatch. Other stations report all clear.

CHIEF
(looking off, his face a mask of awe and disbelief at what he views o.s. He tries to get the words out)
It's....It's...not...all clear...
here!

He points in the direction of the o.s. Hybra. All eyes go in that direction.

33 ANOTHER ANGLE ON HYBRA

as the Hybra makes its entrance from behind the hatch leading from Lab Section Two.

34 BACK TO SHOT

MORTON

Holy--!!! What is it?

He starts to back away.

BENNINGTON

(amazed)

The--Hybra!

NELSON

(also in amazement)
The Hybra? That size?

BENNINGTON

It was undoubtedly affected by some stimuli during the attack...

The Hybra starts to ooze towards them. The Chief and Crane fire at it. It doesn't stop.

CRANE

I've hit it four times! It doesn't stop!

BENNINGTON

You can't stop it. The Hybra is virtually indestructable!

Crane, the Chief and Morton exchange a puzzled look. They continue to fire at it as they all back out of the room The Hybra continues moving forward again as it oozes and pulsates, Dr. Curzon's body laying directly in its path. In a matter of moments, the Doctor's body is engulfed.

35 ANGLE ON THE MEN

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as they react to the horror of what they have just witnessed.

CHIEF

It swallowed him!

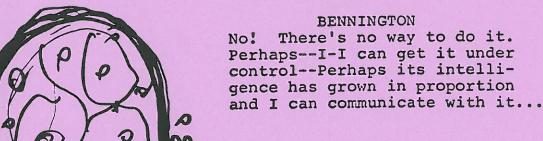
35A INT. CORRIDOR

35A

as they slam the hatchway shut and bolt it.

CRANE

We've got to destroy that thing...someway.





35A

NELSON

With experimentation there might be.... However, I don't intend to send you in there as part of the experiment. Could we tranquilize it?

BENNINGTON

I don't know ...

NELSON

Well, there's only one way to find out...Sharkey, get me the Stun Gun.

CHIEF

Aye, sir.

WIPE TO

35B INT. CORRIDOR OUTSIDE LAB

35B

ANGLE ON NELSON as he checks the Stun Gun to make sure it's fully loaded.

35C ANOTHER ANGLE

35C

to include the others as Nelson turns to Crane.

NELSON

When I give the word, Lee... open the hatch.

CRANE

I still think we should be prepared to destroy it if that doesn't work.

BENNINGTON

(to Crane)

Now see here, Captain... the Hybra is my responsibility.

CRANE

And the lives of this crew are mine, Doctor

NELSON

Gentlemen! We're wasting time.

(to Lee)

We've got to try to keep it alive, Lee. Bennington's discovery can be of tremendous value.

CRANE

(shrugs)

Very well, Admiral...Whenever you're ready.

He reaches for the hatch bolt and the handle. Nelson prepares to fire the moment the door is opened.

NELSON

Now!

Crane pulls back the bolt and pulls the hatch open. The Hybra is practically filling the hatchway's frame. Nelson fires almost at point blank. The Hybra moves back, then it starts moving forward again. Nelson fires again. Again the Hybra moves back, but only for a moment and then it starts forward again. Crane quickly pulls the hatch closed and bolts it.

SHARKEY

It doesn't work...Nothing's going to stop that thing!

BENNINGTON

I tried to tell you that.

CRANE

Well, you'd better figure a way of stopping it, Doctor. You created it...You figure a way of getting rid of it. 35C CONTINUED

BENNINGTON
(to Nelson)
Admiral...I insist that
no harm come to the Hybra.

CRANE
You saw what it did to that
man in there...

14.

NELSON

Now, Lee...we can't be positive that the Hybra actually attacked Dr. Curzon. The acids within the cell might have dissolved the body just in passing over it.

CRANE

And how do we know it won't pass

over someone who's still alive,

the same way?

NELSON We don't.

Frankly I don't know what you are driving at, Commander. I am perfectly satisfied with conditions the way they are. The Hybra is safe inside the Labratory and your men are safe outside of it.

CRANE
That's just the point...Are they-safe?

He and Nelson exchange a glance as we

CUT TO

38 EXT. LAB DOOR - CORRIDOR-ANGLE ON SEAMAN ON GUARD DUTY

The CAMERA slowly tilts down to the bottom of the Lab's metal door which is directly behind the guard. The bottom of the door begins to appear to melt or be eaten away as if by acid. Small wifts of smoke can be seen coming from the base of the door. The CAMERA tilts up slowly on the guard who is unaware of what is taking place behind him. His only awareness is acid odor that causes him to sniff occassionally. He looks around, doesn't see anything causing the odor, shrugs and remains there.

39

Nelson is just finishing attaching a spray adapter to the Stun Gun.

NELSON

There ...

(checks the gun)
In liquid form the tranquilizer should have a better chance of being absorbed.

CRANE

(shakes his head)
Even if your theory is sound-There's no way of knowing
how much of the tranquilizer
it'll take. That thing in
there could still be growing.

NELSON

(looks to Bennington then to Crane) That's true, Lee...It's a chance we'll have to take...

BENNINGTON

The Hybra can grow just so much--Although it is artificial, it is still a cell--when it reaches its maximum size, it will divide.

CRANE

Are you suggesting we could wind up with TWO of those things aboard?

BENNINGTON

I'm not suggesting it. I can assure you--it's a fact!

NELSON

Which gives us no alternative. We've got to stop it and NOW!

39 CONTINUED 39 He starts for the door. Crane and Bennington follow. 39A EXT. CORRIDOR - DAY 39A ANGLE ON DOOR TO MISSILE ROOM as it opens and Nelson, Crane and Bennington step out into the corridor. NELSON As soon as I'm inside the Lab--close the hatch and bolt it. CRANE Admiral! You can't go in--NELSON Lee, there's no other way! If the tranquilizer is to be effective at all, the Hybra must be completely saturated... (he stops and sniffs) Acid! 39B MED SHOT 39B The other two men sniff the air. CRANE It's coming from the Lab. They hurry down the corridor towards the Lab. ANGLE ON CORRIDOR - TOWARDS LAB - THEIR POV 39C 39C There is no longer a Guard stationed in front of the door which is still not visible from their pov. 39D BACK TO SHOT 39D as the three men stop.

NELSON
Lee, I distinctly ordered a
quard to be posted at that door.

39D CONTINUED

39D

CRANE

There was a man stationed there...

They approach the door then stop and stare in awe.

39E SHOT - DOOR FRAME TO LAB

39E

The door has been completely eaten away by acid. The jagged rim of the frame is still smoking.

40 BACK TO SHOT

40

Crane reaches out to push what is left of the door frame in. Nelson quickly stops him.

NELSON

Don't Lee! The acid. It's Cytoplasmic.

BENNINGTON
The Hybra's digestive juices.

NELSON

It'll burn anything it comes in contact with.

Crane looks down at the floor, his eyes sweep down the Corridor going away from them.

CRANE

Look!

Their eyes follow his hand as he points down the corridor.

41 EXT. CORRIDOR - THEIR POV

41

We see a acid smoking trail left by the Hybra that has made its way down the corridor and is now moving freely somewhere inside the Seaview.

ACT TWO

FADE IN:

42 INT. CONTROL ROOM - DAY

42

Crane, Nelson and Bennington are at the plotting board examining a plan of the Seaview. Sparks is at the communications console. He turns to them.

sir.

SPARKS
Damage Control reports
repairs made on Labratory
hatch, sir. Mr. Morton
also reports his search
party has made no contact
in the forward sections,

NELSON
(looking up from
board)
Tell them to keep looking.
It has to be aboard somewhere.

CRANE
What about the search party
working aft?

SPARKS Nothing yet, sir.

42A INT. CORRIDOR

42A

Sharkey is addressing Kowalski and four other crewmen. Sharkey, Kowalski and one of the other seaman each carry walkie-talkies. All are armed with Stun Guns and liquid tranquilizer sprays.

SHARKEY

We'd better split up back here. Kowalski--take Richardson and check the Missile Room...Hoyle, you and Pickens take the Circuitry Room...Bains you come with me.

42A	CONTINUED	42A
	They nod to each other and break into pairs, each pair heading for his prescribed assignment.	
42B	EXT CORRIDOR	42B
	ANGLE ON ENTRANCE TO CIRCUITRY ROOM as Hoyle and Pickens approach the door. Pickens opens the door slowly then flings it all the way open. Nothing happens. Both men enter the Circuitry Room.	
42C	EXT. CORRIDOR	42C
	ANGLE ON ENTRANCE TO ENGINEERING ROOM as Sharkey and Bains approach door. Bains opens it. They peer in then enter.	
42D	EXT. CORRIDOR	42D
	ANGLE ON ENTRANCE TO MISSILE ROOM Richardson opens the door while Kowalski covers him. Nothing happens. They enter the Missile Room.	
42E	INT. CONTROL ROOM	42E
	FULL SHOT as Morton enters from below carrying his Stun Gun and joins the others.	
	MORTON Not a sign of it! If it's anywhere it has to be aft.	
	SPARKS (from the console) The Chief reports no contact in the Engineering Room, sir.	
42F	MED SHOT - ANGLE ON CRANE, NELSON, BENNINGTON AND MORTON	42F

CRANE

The problem is -- what do we do with it if we locate it?

NELSON

Hope the liquid tranquilizer works.

MORTON

Suppose it doesn't stop the Hybra, sir?

Nelson looks at Bennington.

NELSON

I'm afraid that then--we will have no alternative, Doctor.

FULL SHOT 42G

42G

SPARKS

Hoyle reports no contact in the Circuitry Room sir.

The officers and Bennington exchange a silent glance.

CRANE

That leaves the Mess, Sick Bay and -- the Missile Room.

INT. MISSILE ROOM 42H

42H

FULL SHOT

as Kowalski and Richardson slowly stalk around the Missile Room their Stun Guns at the ready.

ANOTHER ANGLE 42I

42I

FAVORING ONE OF THE HUGE MISSILES as Richardson backs towards it, his eyes searching towards the CAMERA. In b.g. we can detect some slight movement and then we see the oozing, pulsating Hybra begin to move out from behind the Missile towards the unsuspecting Richardson. As it closes in, we suddenly hear Kowalski's voice o.s.

42I CONTINUED

42I

KOWALSKI (o.s.)
Look out!!!

Richardson spins around, but is frozen in fear at the sight of the Hybra.

42J FULL SHOT

42J

as Kowalski fires his Stun Gun's liquid tranquilizer at the Hybra. It has no effect.

KOWALSKI
(lowering his gun)
Richardson! Get out of there!
Get away! Get away!

Richardson starts to back away, but much too slowly. It's as if his feet are filled with lead.

KOWALSKI
(into walkie-talkie)
Kowalski to control--It's
here--in the Missile Room.

Kowalski drops the walkie-talkie, looks around frantically. He sees a LOX tank attached to the wall. He leaps towards it and yanks it from its perch. Spinning around, he aims the LOX at the Hybra that has now backed Richardson almost against the wall and its extending oozing mass is practically reaching out to envelop him. The LOX hits the Hybra just as the first of the mass touches Richardson and he passes out, slipping to the ground. Hybra jerks back as the LOX hits it. Kowalski shoots another load at the Hybra. It jerks further back. Kowalski races to Richardson, grabs his collar and as he drags the seaman away from the Hybra, he continually shoots more LOX at it, keeping the Hybra at a safe distance.

42K EXT. CORRIDOR - GANGWAY

42K

as Crane, Nelson and Bennington come racing towards the Missile Room.

ANOTHER ANGLE - CORRIDOR - EXTERIOR MISSILE ROOM

43

as Kowalski bolts the door shut. Richardson lies on the floor at Kowalski's feet. Crane and the others rush up. Bennington bends down over the prostrate man.

KOWALSKI
(breathlessly)
It's..it's in there...It
was just about to get
Richardson...

NELSON
Did the tranquilizer work?

KOWALSKI (shakes his head) Negative, sir..

CRANE
Then how in the world did
you ever get out of there?

KOWALSKI
The--LOX...Sprayed it with
the LOX tank...

He leans against the wall of the corridor trying to catch his breath. The Chief and Baines enter the shot.

BENNINGTON
He's alive...but he's got a
badly burned arm.

CRANE
(to Sharkey)
Get him to sick bay right
away.

Sharkey nods and motions to Kowalski and Baines to lift Richardson up and carry him away. They comply immediately.

NELSON

Lee, we'll need some highpressure hoses. We're going to pump that Missile Room full of liquid Oxygen. If heat gives the Hybra greater life then...

CRANE

(completes the theory)
--an extreme drop in temperature would have the reverse
effect.

BENNINGTON

That still won't destroy it.

It'll only freeze it temporarily. I told you--the Hybra is indestructable:

NELSON

I know Doctor...However, take away its command post...its nerve center...

CRANE

The Nucleus!

NELSON

Exactly! We'll explode it once we've stilled the Hybra. We'll need high-pressure spear guns with nuclear exploding tips. The extreme cold should render the missiles ineffective.

BENNINGTON

Nelson, I forbid it! You are under direct orders to deliver both the Hybra and myself to Washington---

NELSON

I'm sure Washington will understand when the situation's been explained.

(to Sharkey)
Advise Control to put the
Missile Room on Inter-tel...
As soon as the LOX hoses
have been hooked up, I
want a constant report on
the temperature as it drops.

CHIEF

Yes sir.

He exits. Nelson turns to Crane.

NELSON

Well, Lee...Like they say--when you've got problems, there's only one thing to do--play it cool!

Crane grins as we

DISSOLVE TO

44 INT. CONTROL ROOM - DAY

Morton stands behind Kowalski who is seated

at the control panel.

KOWALSKI
LOX hookup to Missile Room
vent system all go. Intertel coming on viewer now, sir.

Morton and Kowalski look up at the monitor. The interior of the Missile Room and the Hybra appear on the monitor.

MORTON
(into mike)
LOX hookup all go, sir.
Missile Room on Inter-tel.

44 CONTINUED

NELSON'S VOICE (filter over p.a.) Release the LOX.

Kowalski reaches over and turns a dial on the console panel.

KOWALSKI On its way, sir.

They watch the monitor. Thru the vent shafts in the Missile Room, the liquid oxygen takes on a smoky effect as it pours out, sending a grayish cloud that begins to frost everything in sight. Kowalski checks his gages.

KOWALSKI
Temperature...30...20...10
...zero...

The Hybra in the monitor oozes away from the direction of the LOX, trying to escape the extreme cold.

45 EXT. CORRIDOR - MISSILE ROOM

Crane, Nelson and the Chief. Sharkey is in contact with control, reporting to Nelson and Crane who are armed with high-pressure spearguns and wearing protective heat-insulated suits.

CHIEF ...minus twenty...minus thirty...

NELSON Visual report.

CHIEF

(repeats into walkie-talkie pressed to mouth and ear)
Visual report.

(he listens a moment)
All quiet, sir. Hybra is still
pulsating but it's not moving
around at all.

NELSON

(nods. Addresses Crane)
Soon as the hatch is open,
fire the staining dye...Let's
just hope the temperature
keeps it immobile long enough
to have the dye spread enough
to indicate the position of
the nucleus.

CHIEF ...minus fifty below, sir.

Nelson nods to Sharkey. He places the walkietalkie down and unbolts the entrance to the Missile Room and swings it open. Crane swings into the opened frame to the interior of the Missile Room to take direct aim at the Hybra.

46 INT. MISSILE ROOM

46

ANGLE TO INCLUDE CRANE in the entranceway as he fires at the Hybra that remains in place simply pulsating. Nelson enters and closes the door behind them.

47 CLOSE SHOT - HYBRA

as the spear enters its side. Quon its mass to pulsate at a faster rate.

ANOTHER ANGLE MED SHOT

of Nelson and Crane watching the Hybra. As its color changes, it seems to become aroused from its frigid state. It begins to ooze forward very slowly.

CRANE
It's beginning to move again!

48	CONTINUED	48
	NELSON The radiating heat of the dyeLet's just hope that dye moves faster than the Hybra and shows us where that Nucleus is	
	He brings his weapon up and aims it at the Hybra and waits	
49	SHOT - HYBRA	49
	as it slowly oozes forward	
	*NOTE: Intercut series of quick shots of Hybra moving forward and Nelson and Crane standing fast, Nelson's spear gun aimed at the Hybra.	
50	SHOT - NELSON AND CRANE	50
51	SHOT - HYBRA	51
52	SHOT - NELSON AND CRANE	52
	CRANE It's getting pretty close The odor of acid is getting stronger and stronger.	
	NELSON Keep looking for the Nucleus!	
53	SHOT - HYBRA	53
54	SHOT - NELSON AND CRANE	54

54 CONTINUED

54

CRANE

There it is...at three o'clock.

55

FULL SHOT

The Nucleus is now evident. A large roundish ball within the Hybra and of a color that snows it up distinctly against the rest of the mass. Nelson fires. The spear finds its mark dead center in the Nucleus. The Hybra seems to quiver a moment and pulls back. Nelson and Crane make for the door. The Hybra starts forward again, but Nelson and Crane get out just in time, closing the Missile Room door behind.

56

INT. CORRIDOR - OUTSIDE MISSILE ROOM

as Nelson and Crane bolt the door. Crane then grabs the walkie-talkie from Sharkey and shouts into it.

CRANE

All hands...this is the Captain...The Hybra should explode in thirty seconds. Stand by to receive internal explosion shock.

57

INT. CONTROL ROOM

as all hands brace themselves and continue to watch the monitor. Morton looks up at the clock.

58

INSERT SHOT - SHIPS CLOCK

as its second hand clicks off the last remaining seconds.

57

MORTON'S VOICE

Aye, aye, sir.

CRANE
(to Nelson)
Alright to take a look in there now?

CRANE
(to Nelson)
Alright to take a look
in there now?

NELSON Go ahead, tho I doubt you'll see very much.

Sharkey unbolts the entrance to the Missile Room and swings it open to reveal the entire doorway is one solid cake of ice.

SHARKEY What the---Ice?

NELSON Frozen Cytoplasmic acid. All that's left of the Hybra now.

CRANE How do we get rid of it?

NELSON
Melt it down with room
temperature. By that
time, the strength of
the acidity will be negative.

SHARKEY
(shakes his head at the ice)
Well, what'd ya know!

DISSOLVE

63 INT. SEAVIEW CONTROL ROOM - PLOT TABLE - DAY

Crane and Morton are going over some maps as Nelson joins them. Crane looks up.

CRANE
We should arrive by seventeen hundred hours tomorrow.

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NELSON

(nods)

I'd better go down and see Bennington.

CRANE

Want me to go with you?

NELSON

(smiles)

Good heavens, Lee. Bennington may be upset with what we had to do, but I doubt very much if I need a bodyguard!

64 CLOSE SHOT - HYBRA - SPECIMAN TANK - DAY
65 INT. LAB
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CAMERA PULLS BACK to reveal Bennington as he views small Hybra in speciman tank. He smiles to himself as he focuses high intensity lamp on the tank and the Hybra.

66 CORRIDOR - ANGLE ON NELSON

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as he is about to pass the Lab on his way to Bennington's quarters. He stops and looks down at the base of the Lab door that had been burned away earlier by the escaping Hybra's acid. Light is filtering thru, denoting that the Lab is in use. Nelson looks puzzled then reaches out slowly for the door knob.

67 INT. LAB - ANGLE ON BENNINGTON

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He sees the knob begin to turn. He quickly presses button and shutter doors close on the tank. He switches lamp off just as Nelson enters.

NELSON (surprised)
Dr. Bennington...

BENNINGTON
(looking up at Nelson.
He is obviously annoyed
at the interruption and
at being discovered)
Do you always go around,
sneaking up on people, Nelson?

NELSON
Sneaking up on you? That's ridiculous, I had no idea you were even in here.

BENNINGTON
Well, I am...Now if you'll
excuse me...

NELSON
Now just one minute, Bennington...I've tried to be-(he stops, sees lamp
focused on S. tank)
(suspiciously)
What's in the tank, Doctor?

BENNINGTON
I don't know what you're talking about...I was just recording
some notes.

NELSON

Really?

Nelson presses the buttom and the doors to the tank slide away to reveal the Hybra.

NELSON
(stares with surprise at the tank)
The Hybra!

BENNINGTON

(sighs)

I was fortunate enough to have a second speciman.

NELSON

(with a nod to the lamp)

You were also trying to produce a second mutation.

BENNINGTON

You said yourself that you're a scientist. Wouldn't you?

NELSON

Yes, but under controlled conditions. Not at the expense of everyone aboard the Seaview.

BENNINGTON

Time is of the essence... Science doesn't wait for the proper circumstances or locations.

Bennington switches the lamp on.

NELSON

I'm afraid this time science is going to have to...

BENNINGTON

(drawing a gun from
his pocket and pointing it at Nelson)
I told you before, Nelson-You were trying my patience.

68	CONTINUED	68
	Nelson doesn't hesitate. He grabs Bennington and they wrestle for control of the gun as the CAMERA MOVES IN on the tank and the Hybra as it begins to grow.	
69	INT. CONTROL ROOM - DAY	69
	ANGLE ON CRANE at plotting table. He looks up and calls to Morton.	
	CRANE Maintain course two-seven- zero.	
70	FULL SHOT	70
	MORTON (to seaman at console) Maintain course two-seven- zero.	
	Suddenly the signal light flashes on control panel and alarm signal begins to sound.	
	KOWALSKI Red alert: It's the Lab again.	
71	ANOTHER ANGLE	71
	Crane crosses to panel quickly and picks up the mike.	
	CRANE (into mike) Engineering! All stop! Maintain neutral buoyancy!	
	He hands the mike to Morton.	
	CRANE (CONT'D) Take over, Mr. Morton:	

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MORTON

Aye, sir!

He takes the mike as Crane nods to the Chief to follow and they hurry for the Lab.

72 SHOT - COMPANIONWAY - ANGLE ON CRANE AND CHIEF

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as they scramble down the companionway, the alarm still sounding.

SMASH CUT

as Nelson and Bennington fight. Finally,
Nelson knocks Bennington out and Bennington
sinks to the floor. The CAMERA pans (use
bubble tank here). The Hybra no longer can
be seen. All we see in the tank is bubbles
and charged water.

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74 EXT. LAB - ANGLE ON DOOR

as Crane and the Chief reach it, Nelson appears in the doorway, a bit ruffled from his fight, but the victor, nevertheless. The alarm stops sounding.

CRANE What happened?

NELSON

Bennington! He--had a second Hybra. Was trying to--mutate it. Tried to stop him--fought--I knocked him out--He's, he's in there--

CRANE

The Hybra?

NELSON

(shakes his head)
Gone! Burned its way thru
the back of the speciman tank.

74 CONTINUED

Suddenly the alarm begins to sound again. They exchange a look, then Crane picks up the Lab's intercom mike.

CRANE
(into mike)
Morton! Where is that
coming from?

MORTON (filter)
Aft escape hatch. We're
taking water--I've closed
it off with the collision
lid and stacked the pumps-What's going on down there?

CRANE

We've got ourselves another Hybra aboard. Alert all hands. Break out liquid oxygen tanks and stand by—and get a couple of men down to the Lab...I want Dr. Bennington placed under arrest and confined to quarters.

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CONTROL - ANGLE ON MORTON

MORTON (into mike) Aye, sir.

CRANE (filter) Key all other hands secured at their stations, Mr. Morton, until we have firmly established the Hybra's position.

> MORTON (into mike)

Yes sir.

CRANE (filter)

Over and out.

Morton and Kowalski exchange a look of deep concern.

91 75 ANOTHER ANGLE - FAVORING NELSON, CRANE AND CHIEF

as they stare down at what was once the lid.

NELSON It burned its way right thru!

CHIEF Well, that's a relief. least we can breathe a little easier now, knowing it's not on board

Suddenly the three men are tossed against the wall and to the floor by the lurching, rocking and rolling of the Seaview.

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INT. CONTROL ROOM

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as Morton, Kowalski and the control room crew are tossed around by the sudden violent action of the Seaview. Then, as suddenly as it all started--it stops.

KOWALSKI WHAT was THAT?

MORTON
Exactly what I'd like to know.
(into mike)
Damage control report.

CREWMAN (filter)
Damage control reports
strain on foreward hull
sections twenty three,
four and five. Minor
leakage.

KOWALSKI
Engineering wants to know
if it should reverse engines?

MORTON Negative. Maintain position until we receive orders from the Captain.

He looks up as Nelson, Crane and the Chief enter.

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ANOTHER ANGLE

CRANE

What'd we ram, Mr. Morton?

MORTON

I haven't the slightest idea, sir. We were at all stop. Whatever it was had to have hit us. What about the Hybra?

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CHIEF

Burned its way thru the hatch....Probably at the bottom of the ocean by now.

NELSON

I doubt that very much.
The Hybra can survive
equally as well in water
as in air.

(to Kowalski)
Did radar or Sonar pick up
anything prior to the collision?

KOWALSKI.

No, sir. We were all clear up until impact, sir.

NELSON

That's what I thought. Lee... have the nose camera and monitor activated.

Crane nods to Kowalski who in turn moves to the control panel and switches the camera and monitor on.

NELSON

(moving to the monitor screen)

I believe we can resolve two mysteries at one time... The reason for the collision and—the whereabouts of the missing Hybra——

The monitor lights up and a fuzzy picture appears at first.

ANGLE ON MONITOR SCREEN - ZOOM IN

to UNDERSEA SHOT - HYBRA - SEAVIEW - MINITURE
The Hybra is now a hundred times its last
size....It's enveloping the nose of the Seaview.

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Its mass oozing and pulsating and extending itself over and around the foreward hull as we--

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FADE IN:

EXT. UNDERSEA - DAY (STOCK 81

> FULL SHOT - SEAVIEW with the Hybra's oozing mass enveloping the hull of the ship and rocking it from side to side.

INT. SEAVIEW -CONTROL ROOM - DAY 82 MED SHOT

> as they all brace themselves and hang on as the ship rocks and rolls from side to side. The lights flicker on then off, then on again.

> > CRANE

(shouts)

Kowalski!....Throw a nuclear charge thru the hull!

KOWALSKI

Aye aye, sir.

He reaches for a switch on the panel and throws it.

EXT. UNDERSEA - DAY - STOCK 83

> FULL SHOT - SEAVIEW and the Hybra. Suddenly, the entire hull of the Seaview begins to glow and the Hybra lets go of the hull and pulls back into the water. The Seaview rights itself.

INT. SEAVIEW - CONTROL ROOM - DAY 84

MED SHOT

CRANE (into mike) Damage Control--report. 82

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CREWMAN'S VOICE

(filter)

Damage Control...taking some water sir in forward section. We're working on it.

Crane clicks off mike.

MORTON

Well, at least the nuclear shock worked.

NELSON

Only temporarily, Mr. Morton. I wouldn't count on it as a permanent cure.

MORTON

What if we try to outrun it?

CRANE

Not with our present damage control reports. At full speed we'd ship twice as much water if not more.

NELSON

I suggest we have a long talk with Dr. Bennington.

CRANE

If--he'll talk to us.
(to Morton)
Take the Con, Mr. Morton.

MORTON

Aye, sir.

INT. BENNINGTON'S QUARTERS - ANGLE ON CRANE, NELSON AND BENNINGTON - DAY

CRANE

(glaring at Bennington)
I don't think you understand
what we're saying, Doctor. If
we don't find a way of destroying
that thing--you--are going to
die with the rest of us.

NELSON A

BENNINGTON

I am a scientist, Commander.
I work to create--not destroy.

CRANE

For heavens sake man--What do you think you'll be doing to every man aboard the Seaview if you allow that thing to live?

BENNINGTON
Sometimes sacrifices must
be made for progress.

NELSON

That--may be true at times,
Bennington. However--what
progress can be made? What
benefit can be derived from
your creation if no one ever
learns about it? And if we
all perish here--no one will.

Bennington takes a long look at Nelson. He knows Nelson has a point.

CREWMAN'S VOICE

(filter) (over
address system)

Damage control reports hull
pressure building...Heatsensors
on hull now at 160 degrees
and rising.

NELSON
The acid. Even in the salt water...it's building up.

BENNINGTON
(finally)
Very well...But it will have
to be done my way.

NELSON Which is--?

BENNINGTON
Allow me to leave the ship.
To go to the Hybra first.
There is something I must do before we attempt to destroy it.

NELSON
How could you possibly get
anywhere near it?

BENNINGTON
I believe I know how it
could be done. Is it agreed?

Nelson looks at Crane. Crane shakes his head negatively.

CRANE

Not by me! Once we let him leave the Seaview there's no guarantee he'd return-of his own volition or not. It has to be destroyed now-with all of us here!

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NELSON
We don't seem to have
much of a choice.

CRANE
We can try to destroy it
ourselves..We know what
extreme cold will do to
it...

NELSON
We can't freeze the water out
there as we did a compartment.
(making up his mind)
We'll just have to chance it.

CRANE

Admiral...

NELSON Lee! We don't have much time!

86 EXT. UNDERSEA - DAY

FULL SHOT - SEAVIEW AND HYBRA as it begins once again to roll under the pressure and changing position of the oozing mass that holds the Seaview in its grasp.

INT. NELSON'S LAB

as the three men are thrown off balance by the violent turbulent action and tossed to the floor, rolling to and fro with the motion of the ship.

88 ANGLE ON CRANE

as he struggles to regain his balance, reaching for anything that can be grabbed and held onto so he can take hold. Lights go on and off.

as the men continue to be tossed around. Then, suddenly, everything stops. Crane and Nelson manage to pull themselves to their feet. Bennington remains prone on the floor. He doesn't move. Nelson crosses to Bennington and leans down and over him to examine the scientist. Nelson looks up at Crane.

NELSON
He's out--cold: Could be a concussion.

CRANE
(shakes his head then
reaches for the mike)
This is the Captain...
Damage control report.

CREWMAN'S VOICE

(filter)

Damage Control...We're
shipping more water, sir..
strain increased to three
more sections and heat
sensors show temperature
now up to two hundred and
twenty five on hull.

Crane looks at Nelson then at Bennington's still form.

NELSON
(clicks mike)
Sick bay. Send a corpsman
to the Lab and have them get
Dr. Bennington up there right
away for emergency examination
and treatment.

CRANE
Well--it looks like we're
going to have to do it ourselves...whether we like it
or not!

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NELSON

How? It'd be impossible without freezing the Hybra--there's no way of exploding the nucleus.

CRANE

Unless it's done from the inside.

NELSON

(nods)

Inside it? Lee--wait a minute...you might have an idea...If Bennington had a way of getting near the Hybra--without its acidity dissolving him--then why wouldn't it work inside the Hybra?

CRANE

That's what I had in mind...

If we could wear some protective
gear that wouldn't be affected
by those acids--

NELSON

Of course. You'd be free to come and go as you pleased— The problem is—what WON'T the acid eat thru?

FLIP OVER

INT. LAB - CLOSE ON TWO LARGE GLASS JARS

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each of the jars contains a clear liquid.

CRANE'S VOICE (OVER)

Silicone??

MED SHOT - LAB - NELSON, CRANE AND THE CHIEF

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NELSON

(nods)
Look for yourself.

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He takes two metal strips and holds them poised over each of the jars.

NELSON (CONT'D)
Both of these jars contain
the same digestive acids
existing within the Hybra.
One of these metal strips
has been coated with silicone--watch...

He drops each metal strip into its respective jar.

92 CLOSE SHOT - TWO JARS

as the metal strips are inserted. In one jar, a chemical action begins as soon as the strip is immersed in the acid and within a fraction of a second, the metal vanishe within the jar. The metal strip in the other jar remains as it was.

93 BACK TO SHOP

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as Nelson reaches in and withdraws the metal strip that is still intact and holds it aloft. Crane and the Chief exchange a grin of approval.

94 INT. SEAVIEW - DAY

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ANGLE ON FOREWARD ESCAPE CHAMBER
Crane and the Chief are now in scuba gear.
Each carries with him a futuristic-looking
atomic spear gun with nuclear exploding
warhead, in addition to small cameras
mounted on their shoulders, knives, rope
and underwater lights. Nelson hands each
of them a clear plastic helmet.

NELSON

You'll have to wear these...
Once inside the Hybra, you can't allow one part of you that isn't coated by silicone to be exposed to the acidity.

MORTON'S VOICE (filter) (coming over the address system)

The Liquid Oxygen hose has been coated, Admiral. It's ready to be ejected, sir.

NELSON

(picks up hand mike and speaks into it)

Affirmative, Mr. Morton.

Eject only the nozzle tho.

Captain Crane and the Chief will extract the rest of the hose once they're outside the ship.

MORTON'S VOICE (filter)
Aye, sir. Wish them good
luck for me!

Nelson replaces the mike and opens the hatch.

NELSON

Alright, Try not to lose visual or radio contact...

Crane and the Chief nod and enter the chamber. Nelson closes the chamber door and locks it.

95 INT. CONTROL ROOM - DAY

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MORTON

Kowalski. Change the camera position so we can follow the Skipper.

(into mike)
Engineering? The LOX pump ready?

lst CREWMAN'S VOICE
(filter)

Damage Control reports increase in pressure on foreward hull sections. Temperature now two six 0!

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KOWALSKI Camera in position, sir.

Nelson enters the Control Room.

Morton?

NELSON Ready as she goes, Mr.

MORTON
Ready as she goes, sir.
The monitor should pick
up the Captain and the Chief
as soon as they emerge from
the escape chamber.

KOWALSKI There they are...

96 ANOTHER ANGLE

in which we see the underwater camera monitoring two swimmers in scuba gear, carrying the special helmets and the equipment we saw Crane and the Chief with earlier. Nelson and Morton move in to watch the monitor. Nelson picks up the hand mike and speaks into it.

NELSON
Seaview to Crane--Are there any acidity
effects?

CRANE (filter)
Negative, Admiral. So
far so good. Going for
the LOX hose now.

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We see the swimmers head right for the monitor and appear for the moment as if they were going to swim right thru it. A moment later, however, they move back, this time, towing a large hose not too unlike a fire hose.

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EXT. UNDERSEA - DAY

FULL SHOT - CRANE AND THE CHIEF (TANK)

as they swim towards the Hybra towing the hose from the hull of the Seaview.

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BACK TO NELSON AND CONTROL ROOM

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NELSON (into mike)

Remember Lee, you and the Chief have a maximum of thirty minutes once you're inside the Hybra. The silicone coating won't last longer than that in the amount of acidity the Hybra is producing at its present size.

MORTON

Why couldn't they have taken an extra container of coating along with them?

NELSON

It wouldn't have done any good. It would have been exposed to the Hybra's acidity at the same time.

CRANE'S VOICE (filter) We're approaching the Hybra now.

The Seaview begins to rock and to roll once more. All hands brace themselves as the lights flicker on and off. Then the motion stops.

NELSON (into mike)

I think the Hybra senses your presence as well.... Be careful--Going thru the interior of a living cell is going to be quite an experience.

99 EXT. UNDERSEA - TANK

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we see Crane and Sharkey stop, remove scuba headgear and don plastic helmets.

100 ANOTHER ANGLE - FAVORING THE MONITOR - DAY

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as Crane and the Chief approach the side of the Hybra in helmets. All eyes are glued to the screen as the Hybra seems to envelop Crane and the Chief.

MORTON

It's got them!

NELSON

Let's hope "they've" got "it!"

(into mike)

Seaview to Crane ...

(no answer)

Seaview to Crane..come in, Lee...

There is just silence. All hands exchange uneasy glances. Then--Crane's voice comes thru.

CRANE (filter)
Crane to Seaview...

NELSON
(anxiously)
Seaview--go ahead, Lee...

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	INT. HYBRA - CLOSE ON CRANE	182
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	We're inside itIt's	
	it's unbelievable	. 102
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83	INT. HYBRA - CRANE'S POV	
	the walls and floor appear to be a jelly- like mass that extends for awhile then drops off into a series of crevices that fade into a haze of membranes. The air about them is filled by a number of small, traveling molecules and speeding,	
101	lengthy objects known as mitochondria.	103
/○Ĵ 84	INT. HYBRA - ANGLE ON CHIEF	84
	as he too stares in awe, the mitochondriasis darting at and about him like fish	
	CHIEF (filter) It'slike being in another world	
	CRANE (filter) It is another worldso watch every step you take There's no guidebook for this one.	
	CHIEF (filter) Which way do we go?	
10 ¹ /	CRANE (points ahead) The nucleus must be in that directionStay as close as you can to me.	104
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8 5	INT. SEAVIEW - DAY	82
	ANGLE ON NELSON AND MONITOR that maintains the picture of Crane and the Chief inside the Hybra as they move towards the membrane horizon with the LOX line in	

tow.

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NELSON mike)

(into mike)
Easy now, Lee...this is one job you've got to do cautiously yet as rapidly as possible.

As Nelson and the rest of the crew watch the monitor intently, they are unaware of the visitor to the control room that is also viewing the proceedings from across the room....

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ANOTHER ANGLE

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revealing Dr. Bennington who watches the proceedings with great interest; then, turns and disappears down the gangway going as quietly as he had arrived.

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INT. HYBRA - DAY

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FULL SHOT - CRANE AND CHIEF as they slosh thru the jelly-like floor of protoplasm, sometimes sinking in up to their ankles, sometimes in up to their knees.

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ANOTHER ANGLE

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CLOSER SHOT - CRANE AND CHIEF

CHIEF (filter)
Whew! Walking in this stuff
can tire you out...I feel
like I'm on a treadmil going
no place....

CRANE (filter)
We're getting there. Just
keep moving.

ANOTHER ANGLE

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as Crane and Chief proceed. Suddenly, as if in an earthquake, there is a rumbling noise and the jelly-like floor beneath them begins to shift and break up, reforming again but tossing the two men around until the Chief falls into one of the crevices and disappears from view. Crane looks around for some sign of his companion.

CRANE (filter)
Chief!...Sharkey...Where
are you..??

NELSON'S VOICE (filter) Lee...this is Nelson..He fell into an endoplasmic reticulum...

CRANE (filter)

A what?

NELSON (filter)

It's one of a number of hollow ducts running thru the cells structure. Microtunnels that are used as the cells transport system for carrying materials from one part of the cell to another...

CRANE (filter) (looking around)

I see them...

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ANOTHER ANGLE - PAN VIEW OF CREVICES - CRANE'S POV

what appears to be hundreds of microtunnels and crevices.

CRANE'S VOICE (filter)

(over)

There must be hundreds... maybe a thousand of them...

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	NELSON'S VOICE (filter) (over) He went down about ten	
	degrees to your right (calls) ChiefChiefcan you hear	
	me?	
	There is a moments delay and then	
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91	ANGLE DOWN ON CREVICE - CHIEF	197
	CHIEF (filter) Yes sir	
	NELSON (filter) Are you alright?	
	CHIEF (filter) II think soonlymy ankle's twisted.	
	CRANE'S VOICE (filter o.s.) ChiefThis is the Captain keep talking until I can get a fix on you	
	CHIEF (filter) Yes sirWhat should I talk about?	
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/92	ANGLE ON CRANE	/92
	as he starts out looking for the Chief.	
	CRANE (filter) I don't carerecite the alphabet if you want to just talk.	

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	CHIEF'S VOICE	
	(filter o.s.)	
	The alphabet? Wouldn't that sound kind of silly,	
	me reciting the alphabet	
	like a little kid?	
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93	INT. SEAVIEW CONTROL ROOM	150
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	ANGLE ON KOWALSKI AND SPARKS	
	KOWALSKI	
	(whispering to Sparks)	
	How do you like that guy?	
	or board von can't der	
	him to keep his mouth shut.	
	When you want him to talk	
	nothing!	113
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94	ANOTHER ANGLE	.9)
	NELSON AND MORTON in front of monitor. In	
	NELSON AND MORTON IN Trong of the searching b.g. on monitor, we can see Crane searching	
	for the Chief.	
	NELSON	
	How long have they been	
	out there?	
	MORTON	
	(checks his watch)	
	Ten minutessir.	
	Ten minuces	
	NELSON	

(shakes his head)
This is cutting down on their time..and--we didn't allow for any diviations...

MORTON

Are you going to order them back, sir?

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NELSON

No..not yet .. We'll have to wait and see how badly the Chief has been hurt.

KOWALSKI (o.s.) The Captain's found him, Admiral.

Nelson and Morton immediately turn their attentions to the monitor.

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INT. HYBRA

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ANGLE ON CRANE

as he looks down at the Chief crammed at the bottom of the crevice.

CRANE (filter)

Can you move?

CHIEF (filter) (tries but winces with pain)

'Fraid not ... You think this thing will shift again and maybe close up on me?

CRANE (filter) I don't know. Right now, all I can think about is how to get you out of there as fast as I can.

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INT. CONTROL ROOM -

ANGLE ON NELSON

NELSON

(into mike)

This is Nelson. Chief-keep crouched down as low as you can. . The ribosomes travel thru those microtunnels

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NELSON (CONT'D) at a pretty fast clip... With the Hybra mutated and everything magnified—they're undoubtedly traveling like bullets...Do you read me?

CHIEF'S VOICE (filter)
Yes sir..but I can't move
around very much...

NELSON
(into mike)
Can you get a rope down to him Lee?

CRANE'S VOICE (filter)
It wouldn't do much good the
way he's crammed in there.
He couldn't even tie it
around himself. I'm going
to have to go down and bring
him out someway. Is there
any place I can tie a rope
off up here?

NELSON
The edge of the reticulum is about the firmest place.
However--the ER network of ducts changes and breaks up quite often--

CRANE'S VOICE (filter)
Then I have no alternative...
I've got to try it.

Nelson and Morton exchange a look of concern.

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INT. HYBRA - CRANE

as he kneels and drives a small steel stake into the side of the duct. He quickly ties

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	one end of the rope around it then tosses the other end over the side and down into the crevice. He begins to lower himself down to the Chief.	
117	INT. CONTROL - ANGLE ON MONITOR	117
	as Crane lowers himself down into the crevice. He finally gets down alongside the Chief and begins to tie the other end of the rope around the Chief's waist.	
118	INT. SICK BAY - DAY	118
	as the Corpsman watches the action on the monitor in sick bay, unaware that Bennington has come to and is also watching the proceedings with great interest.	
119	CLOSER SHOT - BENNINGTON	119
	as he rises from his cot, quietly and stalks up behind the Corpsman. With a chop to the side of the Corpsman's neck, Bennington knocks him out then makes for the exit.	
120	INT. CORRIDOR - OUTSIDE SICKBAY	120
	as Bennington exits from sick bay, checks the corridor to make sure it's clear, then hurries down the corridor.	
121	INT. SEAVIEW CONTROL - DAY	121
	ANGLE ON MONITOR as Nelson and the others watch Crane begin to attempt to extradite Sharkey from the	٠
	duct.	

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122 INT. S	EAVIEW -	ESCAPE	HATCH
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as Bennington enters the shot dressed in scuba gear and carrying the same type of equipment as Crane and Sharkey. He dons his scuba headgear and enters the escape hatch.

123 INT. HYBRA - DUCT

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as WE SEE a cluster of ribosomes, shaped like buckshot - now magnified in size to that similar to balloons as they come hurtling along one of the vacant ductsin the direction of the o.s. Crane and the Chief.

124 INT. CONTROL

124

ANGLE ON NELSON, MORTON AND CONTROL CREW watching Crane on the monitor as he ties the rope around the Chief. Suddenly, a buzzer sounds.

KOWALSKI
(looking to control board)
It's the foreward escape hatch.

(he spins in his chair to face Nelson)
Somebody just entered the chamber:

Nelson and Morton exchange a puzzled glance.

MORTON

(to Kowalski)

Turn the nose camera on and switch on monitor three.

124	CONTINUED	124
124	Kowalski nods, turns in his chair, flicks two switches and looks up to number three monitor. All other eyes follow his as the picture comes in.	
125	CLOSE ON MONITOR	125
	EXT. UNDERSEA - DAY as a figure garbed in scuba gear and equipped and carrying a helmet similar to the ones worn by Crane and the Chief appears outside the Seaview.	
	NELSON'S VOICE	
	(over)	
	Zoom in for a close shot of him.	
	KOWALSKI'S VOICE (o.s.)	
	Aye, sir.	
		126
126	ANGLE ON MONITOR	
	ZOOM SHOT and we see the faces of the swimmerDr. Bennington.	
127	INT. CONTROL	127
	ANGLE ON NELSON	
	NELSON Bennington!	
	MORTON	
	What is he doing out there?	
	NELSON He must have come to, discovered our intention of destroying the Hybra and is going to try to prevent it.	

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127	CONTINUED	703
VE03	KOWALSKI (o.s.)	
	Look	
•	Nelson and Morton turn towards the first	
	monitor.	128
123		264
10.4	ANGLE ON MONITOR #1	F
	as the ribosomes come hurtling towards Crane and the Chief. Neither of them are	
	aware of the oncoming buckshot.	129
129		105
205	SHOT - NELSON	
	NELSON	
	(into mike) Leelook outRibosomes	
	get down!!	130
130		166
106	MONITOR # 1	
	Crane looks up to see the approaching danger. He flings himself down on top of the Chief without a moment to spare as the ribosomes pass just inches over them. However, no sooner are the ribosomes gone when the rumble begins and the protoplasmic jelly floor begins to sway and the crevices and microtunnels begin to move and break apart as we—	

FADE OUT

END ACT THREE

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ACT FOUR

	FADE IN:	131.
4.1	FADE IN.	101
131 201	INT. HYBRA	131
	as Crane and the Chief are tossed around during the shifting and breaking apart of the various crevices and microtunnels. Crane manages to get hold of the rope and tugging at it to learn if it is still anchored in place, he climbs up out of the crevice. Once out, he begins to pull the Chief up. The Chief, his body freed from the close quarters he had occupied due to the widening of the crevice as it shifts, is now able to aid in his own rescue. Up he comes and just in time as the crevice begins to close beneath him.	137
,22	begins to cross remaining	137 168
132	MED SHOT - CRANE & CHIEF	108
10,8	prone on the jelly-like floor, breathing heavily after their struggle to the top.	- 7
A 7	heavily after chore	133
135		109
109	INT. SEAVIEW CONTROL	
	Nelson and the others find themselves staring at a now blacked out monitor #1. They have lost contact with Crane and the Chief.	
	MORTON	
	We've lost visual contact.	
	(to radioman) _ Is there any remaining audio?	
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	SPARKS (listening) NegativeI'll keep trying but (he shrugs) (into mike) This is Seaviewcalling Commander Cranedo you read? Repeatdo you read? This is	
	Seaview	

NELSON

It's no use. Their communications systems must have absorbed some acidity during the cellular eruption.

MORTON

We have no way of knowing whether they're alive or not.. They could have been crushed to death.

NELSON

There's only one way to find out. I'll need some gear, Mr. Morton...

MORTON

You'd better let me go, sir.

NELSON

You'll be needed here.
Besides--I'm slightly more
familiar with the internal
structure of the Hybra.

MORTON

Their silicone coating--(he examines his watch)
They don't have much left.

NELSON

I'll take some with me. I just pray they're still alive and able to use it.

(turning to Kowalski)
Release the LOX pumps to
plus ten degrees.

(to Morton)

We can't very well freeze the Hybra internally with Crane and the Chief in there but--we can slow down its acidity rate.

133 /109 CONTINUED KOWALSKI (pointing to monitor We may be too late for even that, sir. Nelson and Morton look to Monitor #3. 131/ CLOSE SHOT - MONITOR #3 110 We see Bennington cut the LOX hose and then swim off in the direction of the Hybra. 135 BACK TO SHOT NELSON The fool! Morton--We'll need a man out there to make repairs on that hose as quickly as possible. Make sure he's I'll take care well coated. of my own gear.. If the Hybra hasn't killed Crane and the Chief ... I'm afraid Bennington will: 131. INT. HYBRA - CLOSE ON CRANE AND CHIEF 112 CRANE (filter) You alright? CHIEF (filter) (breathing heavily) Y-yeah...yessir..I-I'm okay, only--my ankle-it's -- I think it's sprained. I--I don't think I can walk

on it.

CRANE (filter) (rises and tries to help the Chief to his feet) Here--stand up..let's see..

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The Chief tries to stand but winces with great pain. He shakes his head.

> CHIEF (filter) Nope...Can't make it ...

CRANE (filter) Okay..Lean on me--We'll have to make it the best way we can.

CHIEF (filter) No good. Time--Silicone'll be wearing off...You better leave me here and try to find the nucleus yourself.

CRANE (filter) This thing Too dangerous. might start shifting again. You wouldn't have a chance. I'll contact the Seaview and get someone to take you out.

The Chief nods in agreement.

CRANE (filter) Seaview. . This is Crane ... Come in.. Seaview.. do you read me??..Come in..

There is no answer

CHIEF (filter) We've lost contact. We don't have any choice, sir. Go ahead--or--everybody goes

Crane studies the Chief for a moment. doesn't seem to be any other solution. Suddenly, a shot rings out. It misses Crane and the Chief and Crane immediately drops to the floor of the Hybra, pulling the Chief down with him.

137 SHOT - BENNINGTON

lying prone behind a still mitochondria.

BENNINGTON (filter)
You're not going to destroy
it, Crane. Do you hear me?
You're not going to destroy
it!

138 SHOT - CRANE - BENNINGTON

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*NOTE: SHOOT BOTH SIDES OF FOLLOWING SEQUENCE

CRANE (filter)
Bennington:

BENNINGTON (filter)
I warn you Crane...Try to
destroy the Hybra and I'll
destroy you.

CRANE (filter)
The Hybra must be destroyed.
It'll kill us all.

BENNINGTON (filter)
Dealing with the unknown
always carries with it certain
risks.

CRANE (filter)
Time is running out--I've an
injured man with me.

BENNINGTON (filter)
I know. I heard you on
my intercom. Your silicone
coating is almost gone as
well, isn't it?

CRANE (filter) For heavens sake man, be reasonable...

139	EXT. UNDERSEA - DAY	139
	FULL SHOT - NELSON as he swims underwater carrying his weapons and his underwater lamp. He approaches the Hybra and moments later is enveloped by it.	
140	INT. HYBRA - DAY	140
	FULL SHOT - NELSON as he enters the interior of the Hybra, he can't help but stop and gaze about him in awe. He then starts out searching for Crane and the Chief, keeping a watchful eye out for Bennington.	
141	ANGLE ON CRANE AND CHIEF	141
	Crane silently indicates for the Chief to keep Bennington occupied while he slides into one of the ducts and can make his way so as to come out behind the Scientist. The Chief nods that he understands and draws his pistol and fires in Bennington's direction. Crane slips into the duct.	
142	ANGLE ON NELSON	142
	as he reacts to the vibrating sound of the shot. He trudges off in the direction he believes it came from.	
143	MED SHOT - BENNINGTON	143
	BENNINGTON (filter) Typical of the military, Crane. When in doubtshoot something. Use your head for once, Crane you'll never get out and you'll never destroy the Hybra.	

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144 FULL SHOT - CRANE

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ANGLE ON CREVICE as Crane carefully makes his way along the bottom of the hollow duct, pressing himself firmly against the wall of the microtunnel as a cluster of ribosomes fly thru. Once past him, he continues his way towards the unsuspecting Bennington.

145 INT. SEAVIEW CONTROL

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FULL SHOT - MORTON as he watches Nelson making his way inside the Hybra. Kowalski enters in scuba gear.

KOWALSKI
LOX line repaired, Mr.
Morton.

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MORTON

Good work..Now if the Admiral can only locate Crane and the Chief in time...

KOWALSKI
You mean--They're still
alive?

MORTON

(nods affirmatively)
We picked them up thru the courtesy of Dr. Bennington.
He doesn't know his intercom switch is all the way over to full communications—

CREWMAN'S VOICE (filter)
(o.s. thru p.a.)

Damage control reporting the
foreward hull sections are
taking as much pressure as
they can, sir--I don't know
how much longer it'll hold.

MORTON

(thinks for a beat then picks up mike and speaks into it)

Damage control...this is the Con. Break out a LOX cylinder and spray the interior of those hull sections.

CREWMAN'S VOICE (filter)
(o.s. thru p.a.)
But sir. It's not just the
high temperature--It's the--

MORTON

(snaps into mike)
You heard me, Sailor. Move
it:

CREWMAN'S VOICE (filter)
(o.s. thru p.a.)

Yes sir!!!

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Morton turns his attentions back to the two monitors. As the CAMERA MOVES IN on #2 and Admiral Nelson.

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INT. HYBRA

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MED SHOT - NELSON

NELSON (filter) Nelson to Seaview.. Nelson to Seaview.. There was a shot fired. It must be Bennington--Have you any kind of a fix on him?

MORTON'S VOICE (filter) Admiral...He's got his intercom on full contact... He's picking you up right now.

BENNINGTON'S VOICE (filter) Yes, indeed I am, Admiral Nelson and welcome to my Hybra. I trust that you, being a man of science, can appreciate this.

NELSON (filter) (as he looks around him for some sight of Bennington) I most certainly do, Doctor -however -- we must put an end to it ... and quickly.

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FULL SHOT - BENNINGTON - NELSON

as he edges his way towards Nelson who is facing away from him.

BENNINGTON (filter) (sighs) I forgot--you're almost as much a military man as you are a scientist--Too bad, Nelson ...

as Bennington raises his pistol and aims at Nelson, Crane appears crawling out of a duct to the side of Bennington and Nelson. His foot slips and the slight noise makes Bennington swing around to spot him. Nelson also turns in Crane's direction.

148 MED SHOT - BENNINGTON

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BENNINGTON (filter)
(as he moves his gun
from one man to the
other)
Very careless of you Crane.

NELSON (filter)
You can't shoot us both at
the same time. One of us
would get you, Bennington.

BENNINGTON (filter)
True...that is why you would
be my target, Admiral. As
for Crane--with his silicone
almost gone--the Hybra will
finish the job for me.

He takes aim at Nelson as the Chief appears as if from nowhere and leaps upon Bennington, knocking him to the ground. Bennington and the Chief wrestle for the gun as Nelson and Crane scurry to the aid of the Chief. Before they can reach him however, a shot is fired and one of the two men on the floor of the Hybra has been wounded.

149 ANOTHER ANGLE - BENNINGTON AND THE CHIEF - THEIR POV

as Bennington rolls off, a bullet wound in his chest.

ANOTHER ANGLE

126

as Nelson leans down to examine him, Crane looks at the Chief.

CRANE (filter)
How did you get over here?

CHIEF (filter)
Believe it or not--I had to
learn to crawl before I
could walk.

NELSON (filter)
(looks up at them)
He's still alive.
(to Chief)
You'll have to keep an eye
on him while Commander
Crane and I find the nucleus.

CRANE (filter)

I'm afraid we're just about

out of time, Admiral..the

silicone coating's practically

worn off.

NELŞON (filter)
I know..I brought an atomizer
containing enough silicone to
last us for at least another
fifteen minutes.

CHIEF (filter)
Meaning no disrespect, sir-You're the greatest delivery
boy I've ever met!

Nelson smiles and pats the Chief on the shoulder as we

DISSOLVE

151

INT. HYBRA - NELSON AND CRANE

as they make their way thru the Hybra in search of the nucleus. Mitochondrions are flying around them and past them, along with molecules and various microbodies.

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Off in the distance can be heard a rumbling sound.

> CRANE (filter) The rumbling..hear it?

Nelson nods.

CRANE (filter) (CONT'D) There's going to be another eruption...brace yourself.

NELSON (filter) (noticing something o.s. he points in that direction) Lee..over there..look..

As Crane looks in the direction Nelson is pointing

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INT. HYBRA

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ANGLE ON CENTRIOLE - THEIR POV a small body mass laying close to a sheetlike membrane.

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BACK TO SHOT 129

NELSON (filter) (CONT'D) It's the Centriole ... I can tell by its shape.. It plays a large part in a cell's

division -- It's always found near the nucleus--

CRANE (filter)

Then the nucleus must be right behind that membrane...

NELSON (filter)

(nods)

And if my guess is correct-that rumbling means one thing--It's about to divide... If we don't stop it now -- we never will--There'll be two Hybra's on our hands ...

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CRANE (filter)
Thanks, but one Hybra's
enough for me.

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ANOTHER ANGLE

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FULL SHOT - CRANE AND NELSON as they cut their way thru the membrane to reveal the large nucleus of the cell towering before them.

NELSON (filter)
There it is--the entire brains
of the outfit...the greatest
mystery of life--and unfortunately-we have no alternative but to
destroy it--

The rumbling sound grows louder and more intense. Everything about them begins to tremble and shake. Both men sway from side to side trying to maintain their balance.

NELSON (filter)
(trying to speak over
the rumbling sound)
It's going to divide-Look--

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He points at the giant nucleus.

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ANOTHER ANGLE - THE GIANT NUCLEUS

as it appears to begin to divide.

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BACK TO SHOT

ANGLE ON NELSON AND CRANE

NELSON (filter) Fire the dye, Lee..fire it:

Crane lifts up his spear rifle and taking aim, fires.

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1.57	SHOT - NUCLEUS	133
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	as the spear enters its outer membrane. The membrane appears to change color,	
	lightening its main body so that	
	nucleolus is highlighted.	. 158
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134	ANOTHER ANGLE	
	as Nelson raises his spear rifle and, taking careful aim at the nucleolus, fires. The spear enters the center of the nucleolus and remains imbedded.	
	NELSON (filter) She's set to fire in five minutesLet's go	
	minutesDet 3 gotte	154
157	TOWN AND THE CHIEF	1135
135	INT. HYBRA - BENNINGTON AND THE CHIEF	
	Bennington appears to be getting worse. As the Chief tries to attend his wound, Crane and Nelson appear.	
	CRANE (filter)	
	We found itNow let's find our way out of here and fast.	
	CHIEF (filter)	
	(chakes his head)	
	BenningtonI don't think he can make it	
	Crane is about to bend over to examine him, but Nelson pulls him back.	
	NELSON (filter)	
	No LeeIt's too late	
16.0	look for yourself	160
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136	ANOTHER ANGLE	
	CLOSE ON BENNINGTON - THEIR POV He is beginning to smolder and wisps of smoke begin to pour forth from around his frame.	

They start there exit and all hell breaks loose in the Hybra...violent shaking, breaking up of the ducts, falling mitochondrion, etc. The men are tossed around as we

FADE OUT

END ACT FOUR

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FADE IN:

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INT. HYBRA - DAY

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FULL SHOT - NELSON CRANE AND THE CHIEF as the floor of the Hybra trembles violently and the ducts appear to shift and change shape. Nelson and Crane manage to struggle to their feet. The Chief is unable to rise because of his ankle.

CRANE (filter)
(yelling over the rumbling)
The LOX hose:...

NELSON (filter)
(nods) - .
You get the Chief out!
I'll open it up...

Crane reaches down and helps the Chief to his feet, then leaning on Crane, he and Crane stumble towards freedom as Nelson locates the nozzle of the LOX hose and turns it on, spraying the white mist around the interior of the Hybra. As frost begins to form the rumbling seems to increase at first, then to subside as we

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141 INT. SEAVIEW CONTROL

ANGLE ON MORTON - KOWALSKI

KOWALSKI

(pointing to monitor #4)
Somebody's coming out-We're
picking him---no it's two of
them--we're picking them up
on the nose camera...

166 ANGLE ON MONITORS

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On Nelson's monitor we see him still spraying the LOX inside the Hybra. On another monitor, we see Crane and the Chief underwater and swimming towards the Seaview away from the Hybra.

167 ANGLE ON MORTON - KOWALSKI

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MORTON
It's the Skipper and the Chief...

NELSON'S VOICE (filter)

Seaview..This is Nelson...
I'm coming out...As soon
as the Captain and the Chief
are aboard, prepare to
reverse all engines...all
astern full...

MORTON
Aye, sir..But--what about
you--??

NELSON (filter)

Give me one minute...If

I'm not free of the Hybra and
in the access chamber--Reverse
all engines anyway--

MORTON
But Admiral...The firing
mechanism-it's due to go off
in three minutes...

NELSON (filter)
That's an order, Mr. Morton.

MORTON

Yes sir!

168 ANOTHER ANGLE

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MORTON
(into mike)
Engineering..Start all
engines..prepare all astern
full...

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		tu. 822.
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168	CONTINUED	144
	There is the sound of a buzzer.	
	KOWALSKI Access chamberIt's the Chief and the Skipper	
	Morton looks up at the Seaview clock	167
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145	SEAVIEW CLOCK	
	as its second hand begins to tick off the sixty seconds	
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.446	INT. CONTROL ROOM	146
	ANGLE ON CRANE AND CHIEF as they enter, the Chief still limping and assisted by Crane. Both their helmets are off.	
	CRANE The Admiral? Is he out?	
	KOWALSKI He's out, sir but he's not aboard yet.	
	He points to the screen.	171
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147	ANGLE ON MONITOR	
	we see Nelson swimming towards the Seaview and away from the Hybra.	173-
172	SHOT - SEAVIEW CLOCK	,148
80 لم	as it continues to tick away the seconds	
173	as it continues to tron and	173
149	SHOT - MORTON	,149,
	anxiously watching the clock, occasionally glancing towards the o.s. monitor.	

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178	ANGLE ON MONITOR	
	FULL SHOT - UNDERSEA - HYBRA	
	as it appears tranquil for a moment and then explodes underwater.	
179	INT. SEAVIEW CONTROL	179
	FULL SHOT as it rocks and the lights dim, then the Seaview rights itself and the lights are back on.	
180	ANGLE ON MONITOR	180
	UNDERSEA - FULL SHOT The Hybra has been obliterated.	
181	ANGLE ON NELSON, CRANE, MORTON AND CHIEF	181
	as Nelson stares at the now blank screen.	
	CRANE (into mike) Stop all engines.	
	MORTON We still have Bennington's notes, AdmiralIt isn't as if the entire mission was a failure	
	NELSON NoI suppose notThere'll be more rational men, I suppose, who'll carry on from here But that isn't what really disturbs meIt's that Man	

he, himself is really like.
(to Crane)
Shall we make for our port, Lee?

is capable of discovering so much about everything about unknown and yet--finds it so difficult to discover what

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CRANE

Aye, sir..
(into mike)
Blow all ballast. Ahead
all full...Let's take her
home!

He hangs up the mike and with Nelson stares for a moment longer at the blank screen. Nelson turns and exits as Crane and Morton go to the plotting table as we

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