

SPACE: 1999

THE BETA CLOUD



with

Martin Landau.....	Cmdr. Koenig
Barbara Bain.....	Dr. Russell
Catherine Schell.....	Maya
Tony Anholt.....	Tony Verdeschi
Nick Tate.....	Alan Carter
Zienia Merton.....	Sandra Benes
John Hug.....	Bill Fraser
David Prowse.....	Alien

IN SPACE YOU CAN ALWAYS MAKE
WORRYING ENCOUNTERS.
THE MOON IS FACING A STRANGE
CLOUD...



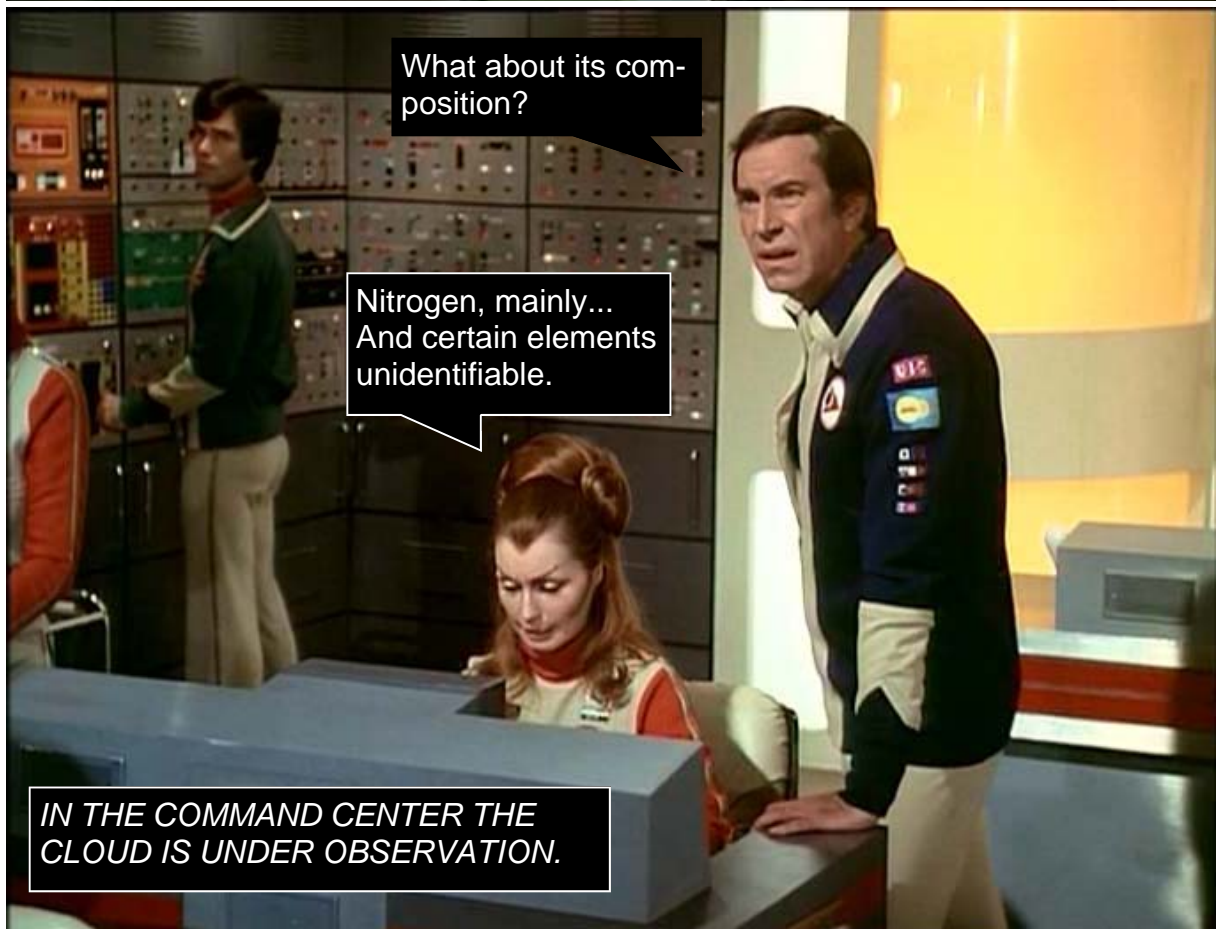
Closing?

It isn't. Its range
is constant...

ALONG ALPHA'S CORRIDORS...

I checked these calculations and...

SUDDENLY THE TECHNICIAN
FAINTS DOWN.





Scanners are malfunctioning...



John, people are passing out all over the base.

A MESSAGE FROM DR. RUSSELL.

JUST THEN, COMMANDER KOENIG
FAINTS TOO...

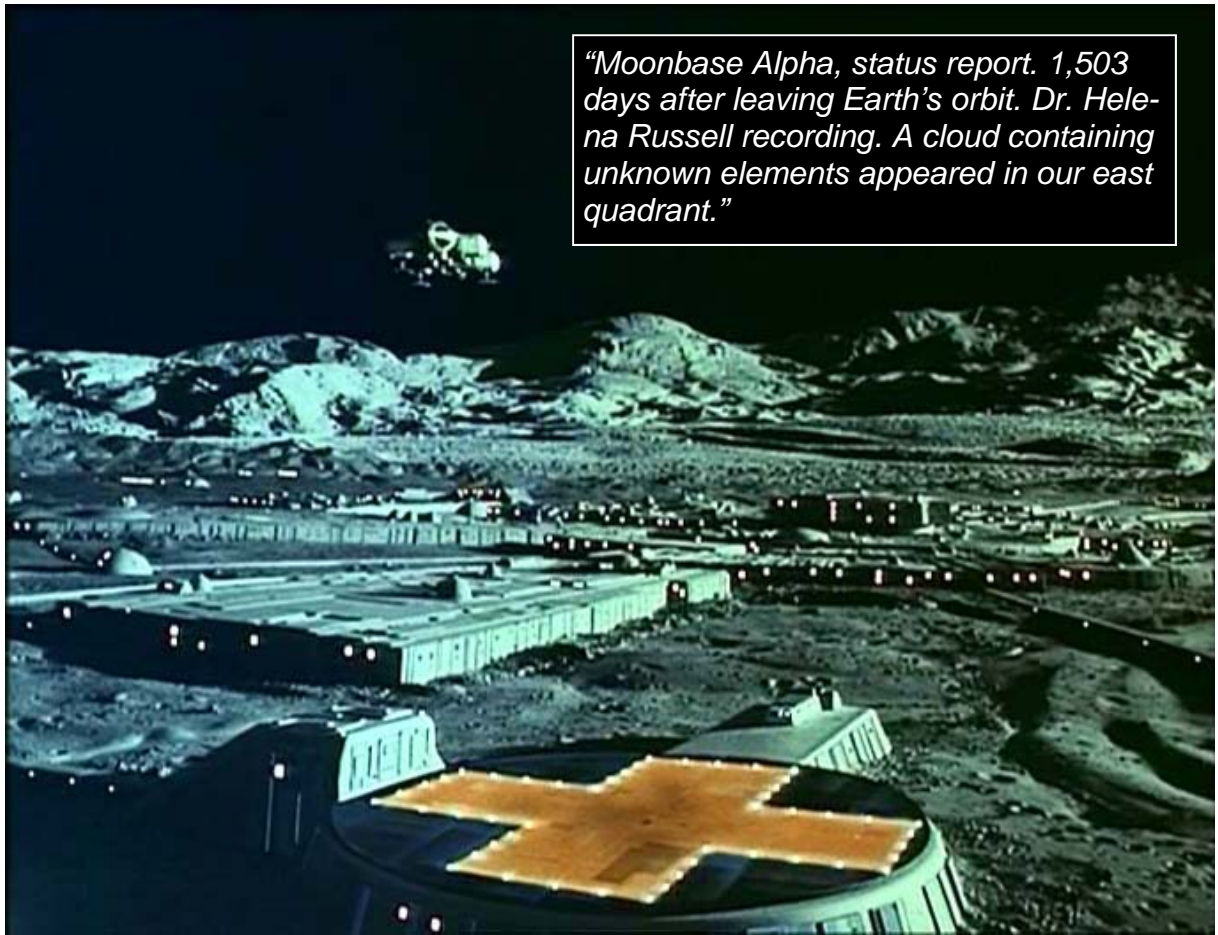
Commander!



It's a cloud, Hele-
na... It's a cloud...

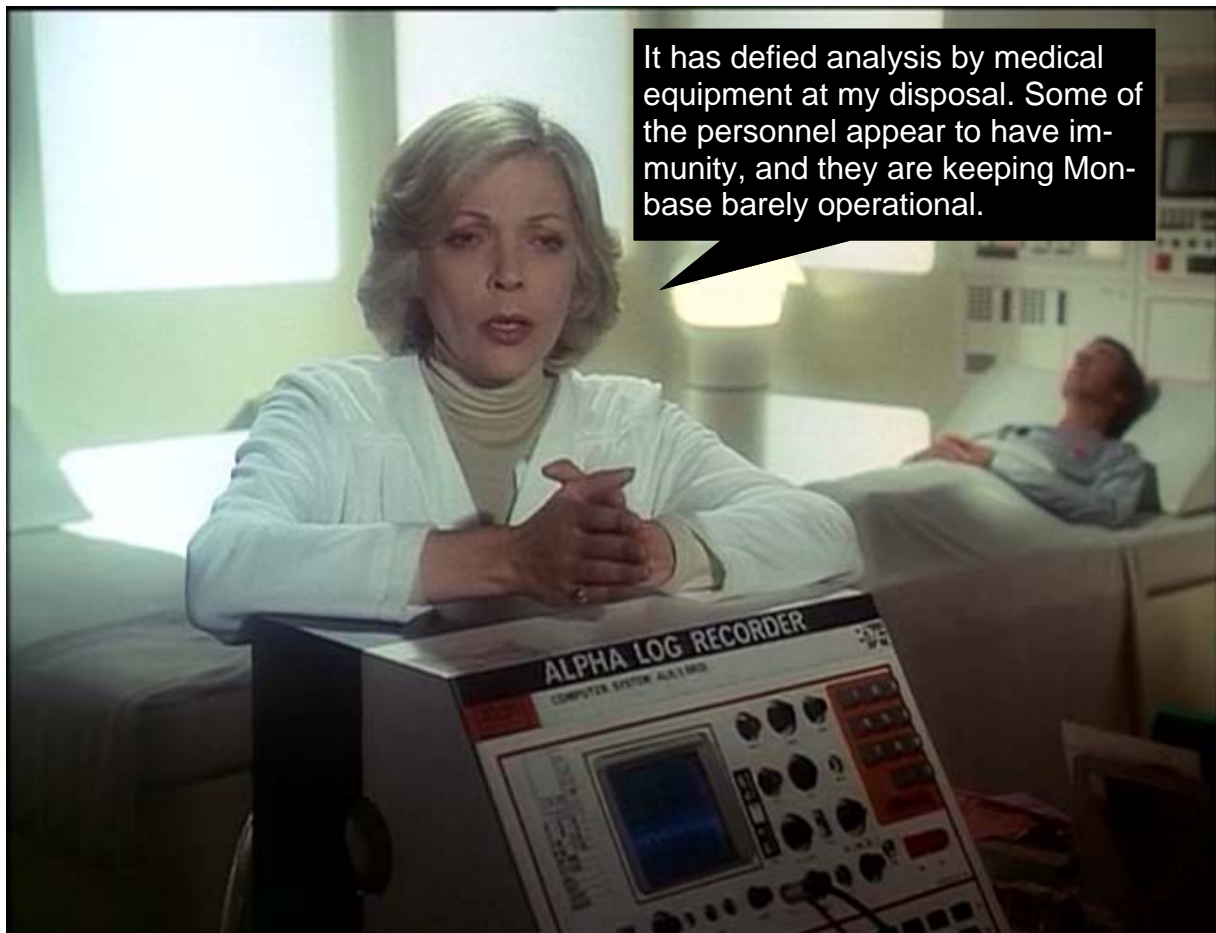


"Moonbase Alpha, status report. 1,503 days after leaving Earth's orbit. Dr. Helena Russell recording. A cloud containing unknown elements appeared in our east quadrant."



"Suddenly lassitude, depression and loss of will has incapacitated most of our personnel."





It has defied analysis by medical equipment at my disposal. Some of the personnel appear to have immunity, and they are keeping Mon-base barely operational.



"Astronaut Tom Graham, who appeared immune, was sent out four days ago in Eagle 6 to enter the cloud, but he failed to return from its mission."

A FAMILIAR IMAGE APPEARS ON THE SCREEN.

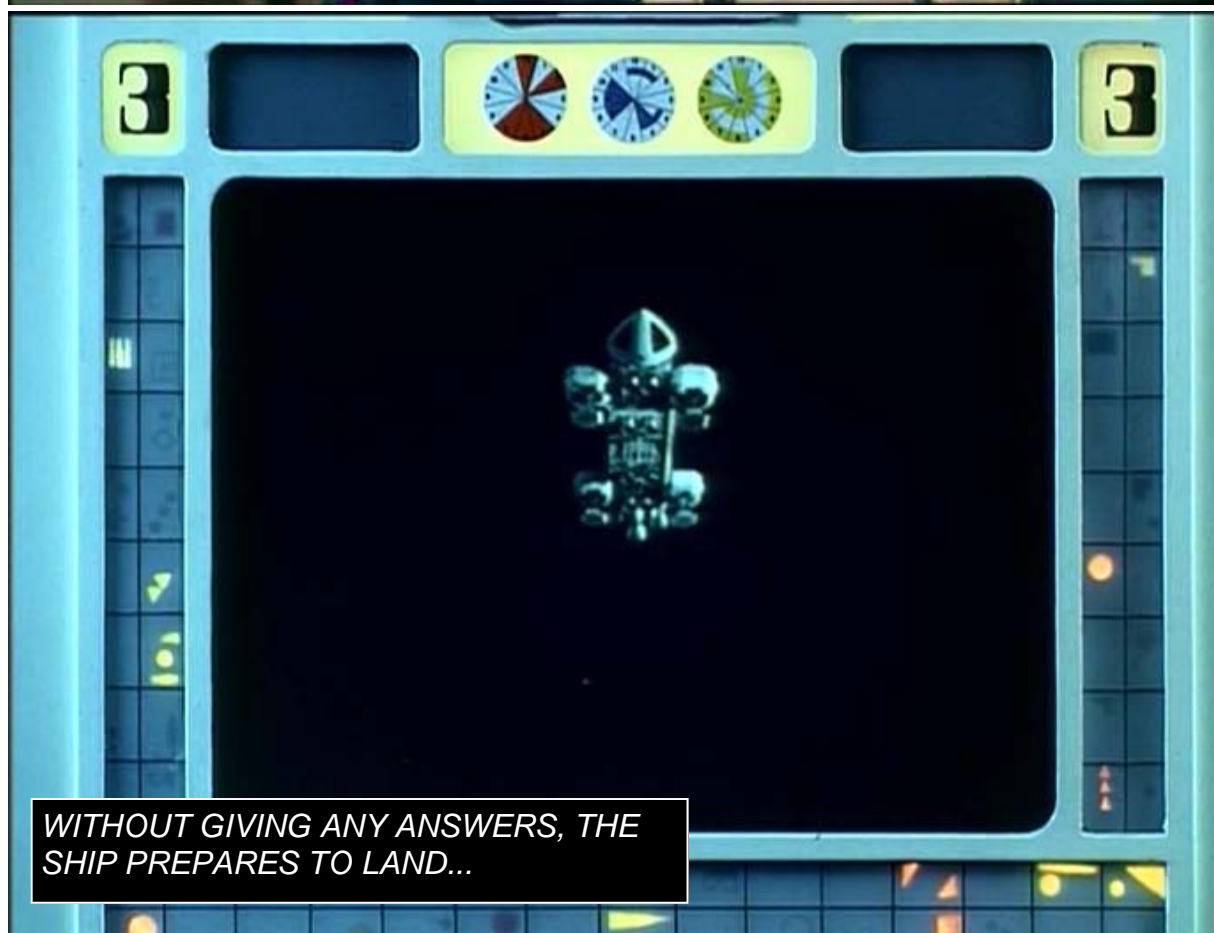


Eagle 6 is coming back...

That's impossible! It would have exhausted its fuel...



Eagle 6, welcome
back... Do you read
me?



WITHOUT GIVING ANY ANSWERS, THE
SHIP PREPARES TO LAND...



Tony, sensors
pick up no life
forms on Eagle 6.



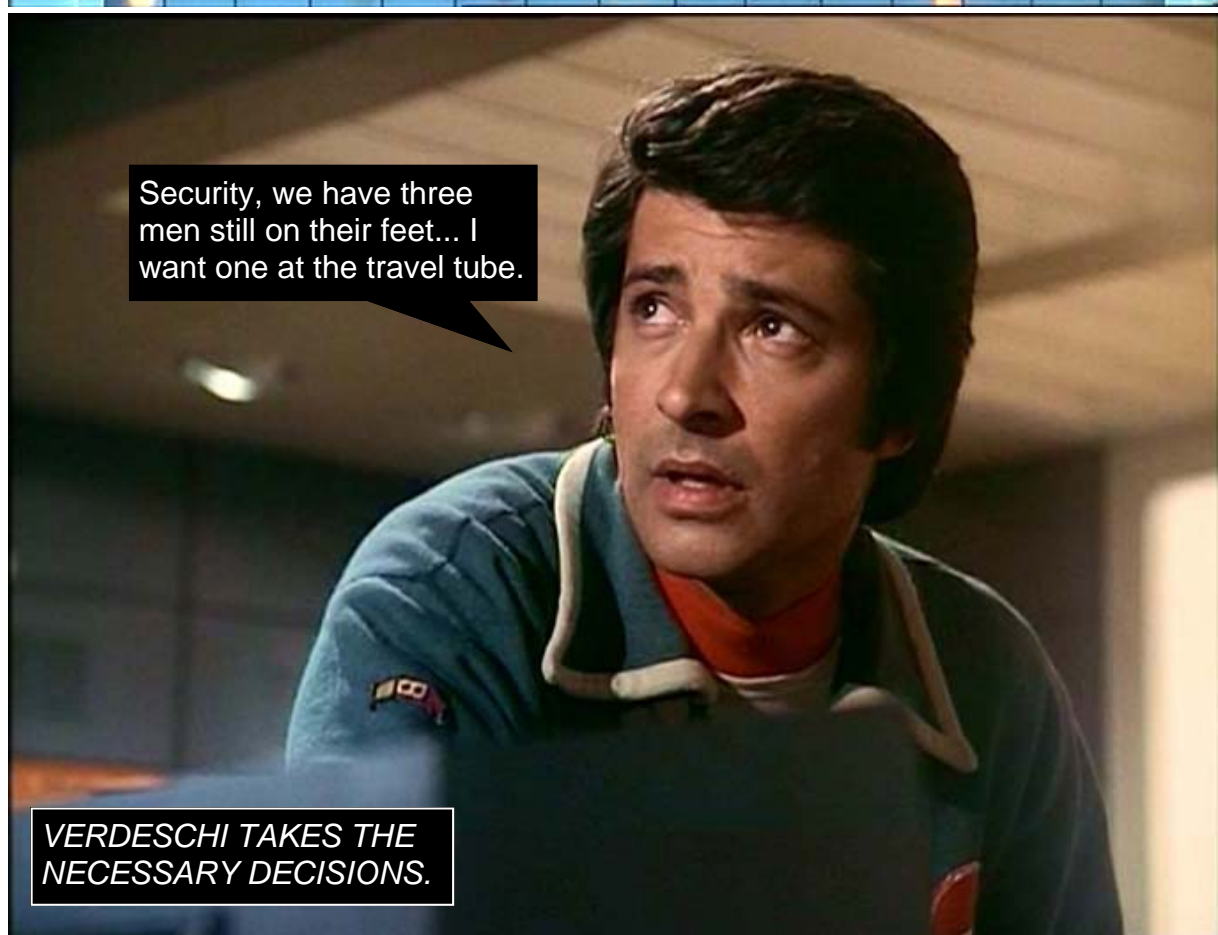
VERDESCHI TRIES TO ASK FOR
INSTRUCTIONS...

*Helena, let me talk
to John...*

He's in no condition
to talk...



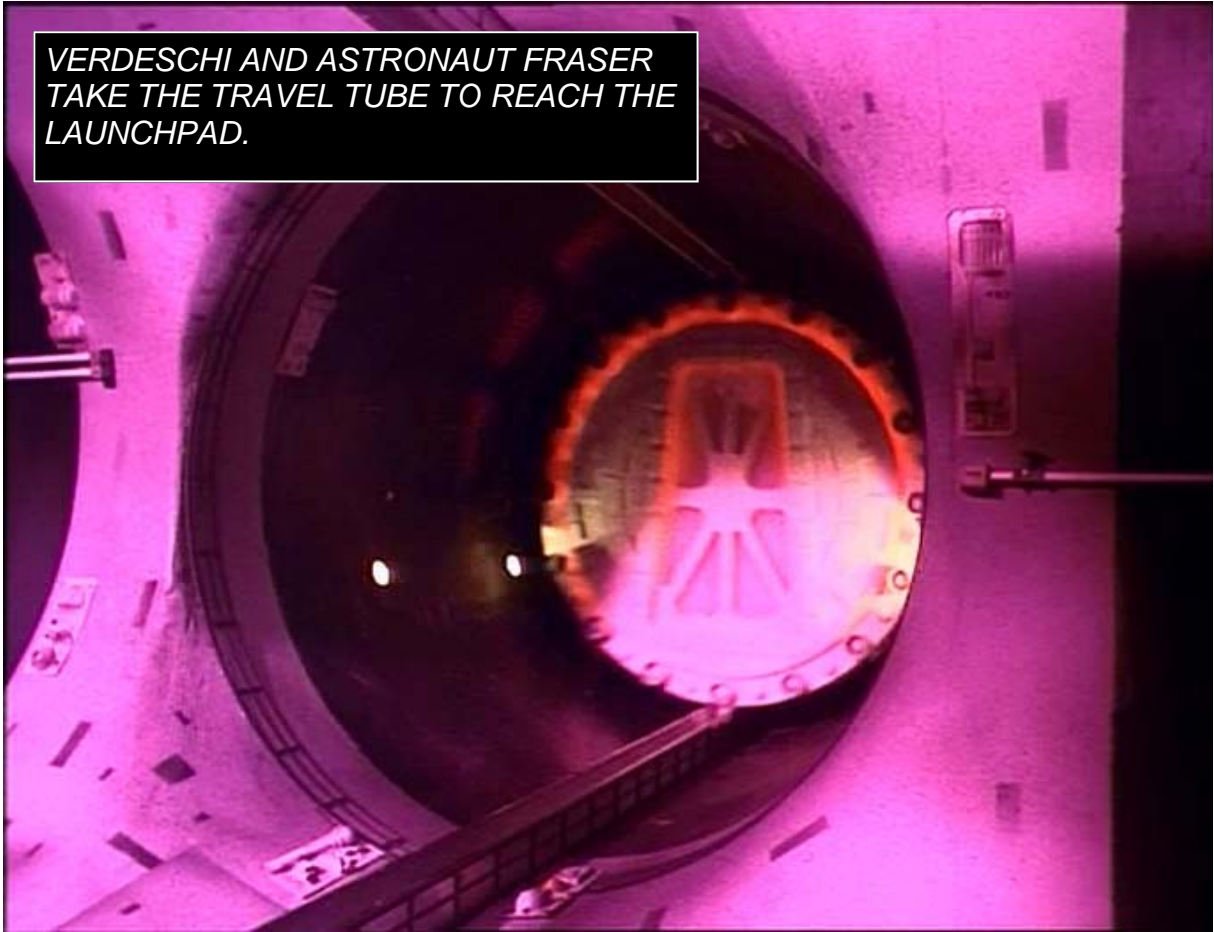
THE EAGLE LANDS SAFELY ON THE LAUNCHPAD.



Security, we have three men still on their feet... I want one at the travel tube.

VERDESCHI TAKES THE NECESSARY DECISIONS.

*VERDESCHI AND ASTRONAUT FRASER
TAKE THE TRAVEL TUBE TO REACH THE
LAUNCHPAD.*



*THE EAGLE'S DOOR IS
DOCKED.*





Graham...?



SOMEONE COMES OUT FROM THE
DOOR, BUT IT IS NOT GRAHAM.



Who are you?
Where's Graham?



THE CREATURE DOES NOT ANSWER AND COMES CLOSER.



THE SECURITY MAN OPENS
FIRE...



...AND IS BEING
ATTACKED!

VERDESCHI IS THROWN AWAY... IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO STRUGGLE AGAINST SUCH A SUPERHUMAN STRENGTH.



RUNNING AWAY IS THE ONLY CHOICE.



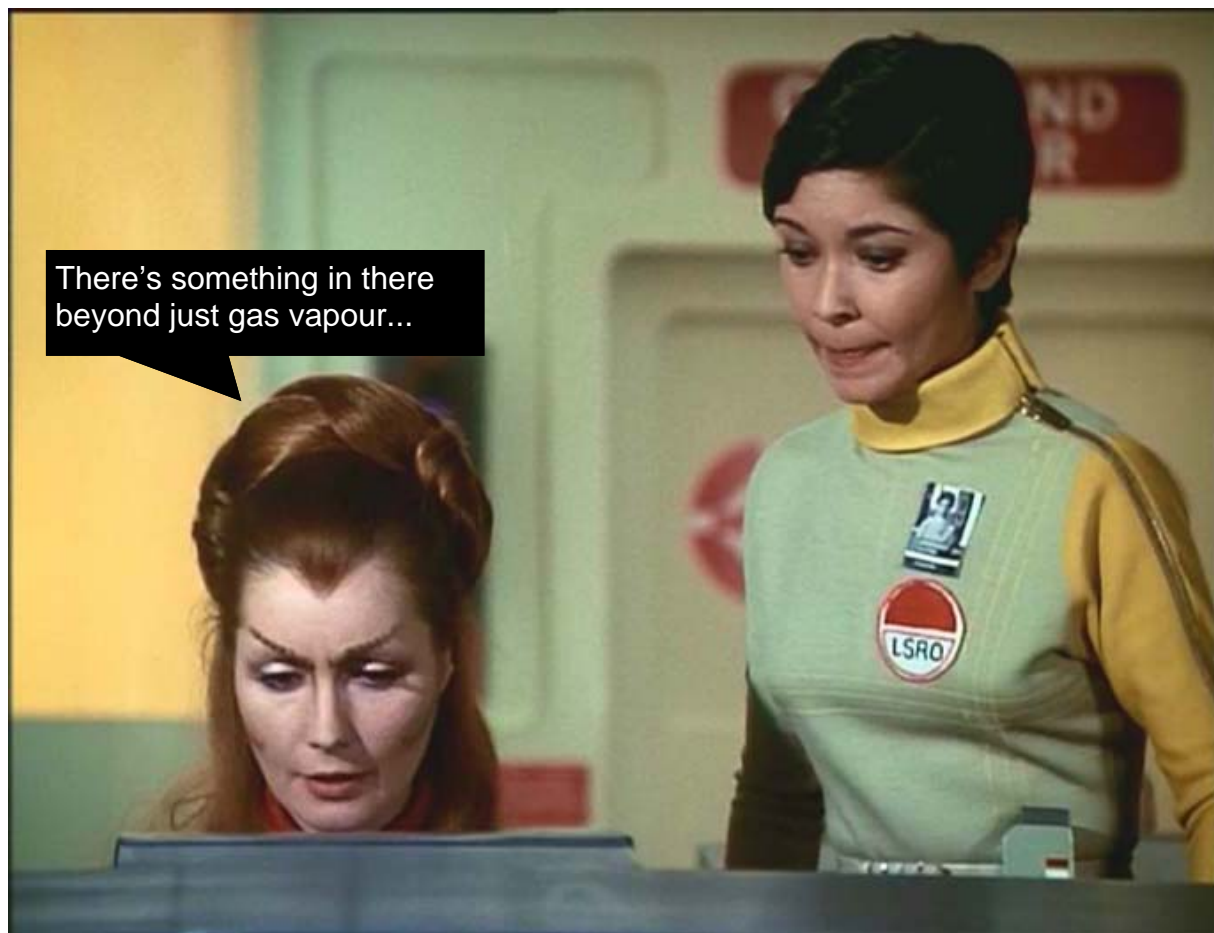


THE DOOR IS CLOSED
JUST IN TIME.



Maya, tell security I want
them at the travel tube ar-
med with rocket guns!











We have sent for it! I will return your screens for you to observe!



THE GUARDS ARE READY FOR FIRE.





Maya, get down
to Medical Center!



Helena, have
Maya and San
arrived?

They are here now!

VERDESCHI PREPARES
FOR RESISTANCE.









You are in the Command Center. The life support system is not in that location.



I'll decoy it! You get to Life Support, set up a defence!

FRASER AND VERDESCHI HAVE ESCAPED BY A SECONDARY DOOR.

Right!



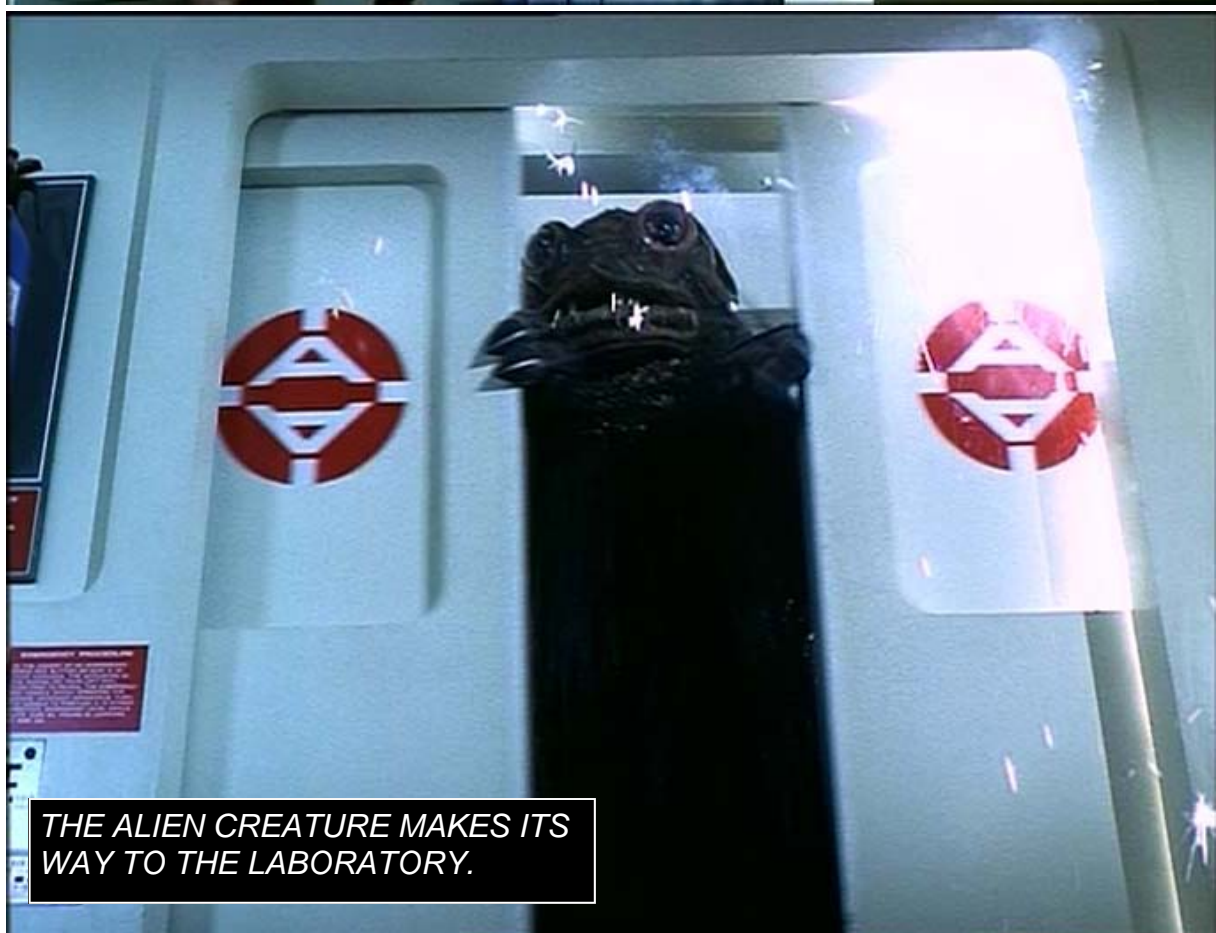




VERDESCHI TRIES TO WORK A CLEVER PLAN...



Alan, I'm in tech-lab 5.
I'm trying to get it in the
vacuum chamber...







*BUT HE ESCAPES WITH A
QUICK FEINT...*



*...AND CLOSES THE HEAVY
DOOR.*



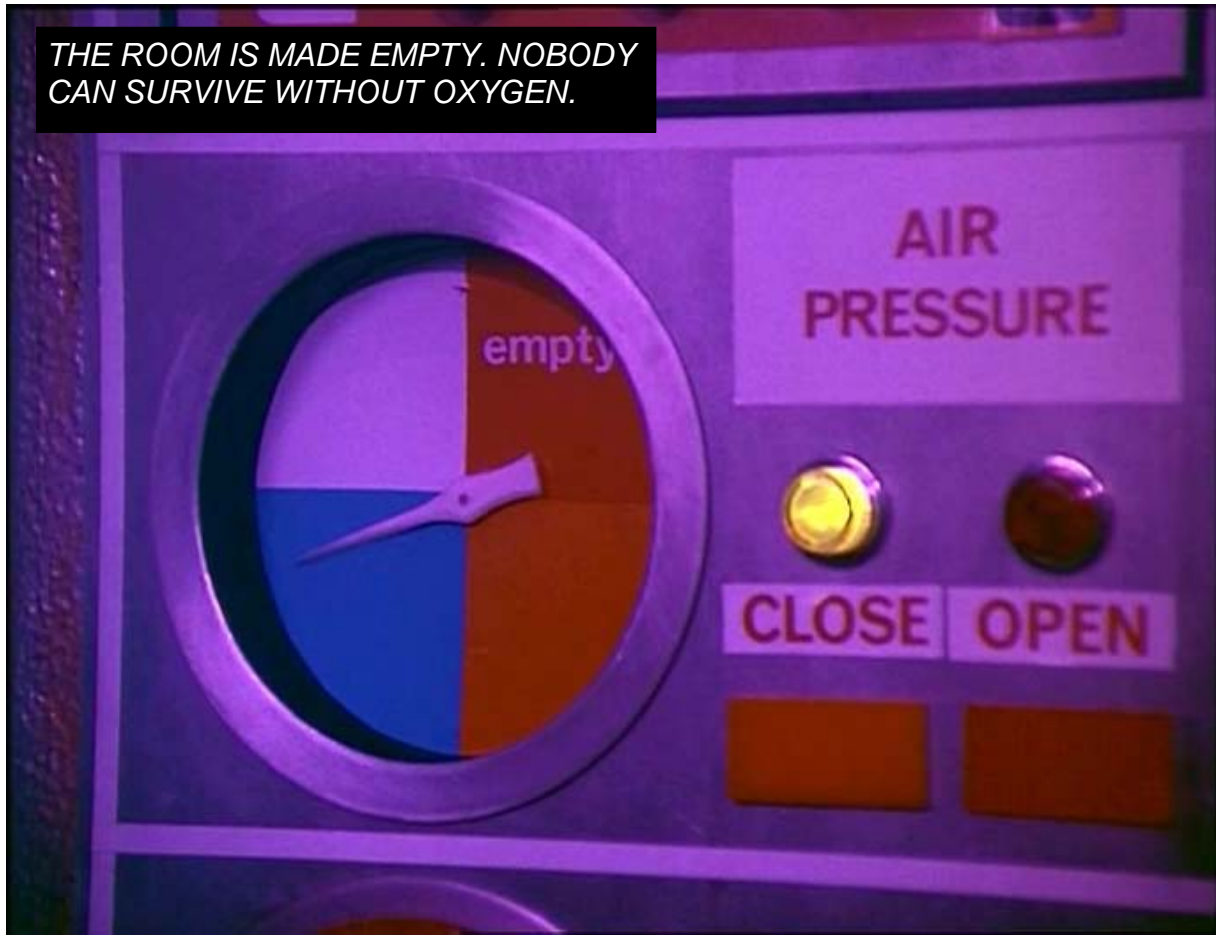
Helena, let me
talk to Alan...



*BUT DR. RUSSELL TOO BEGINS
TO FEEL SICK.*



THE ROOM IS MADE EMPTY. NOBODY
CAN SURVIVE WITHOUT OXYGEN.



SOME MINUTES LATER, VERDESCHI
RESTORES PRESSURE AND OPENS
TO CONTROL.





*BUT, INCREDIBLY, THE MON-
STER IS STILL ALIVE!*



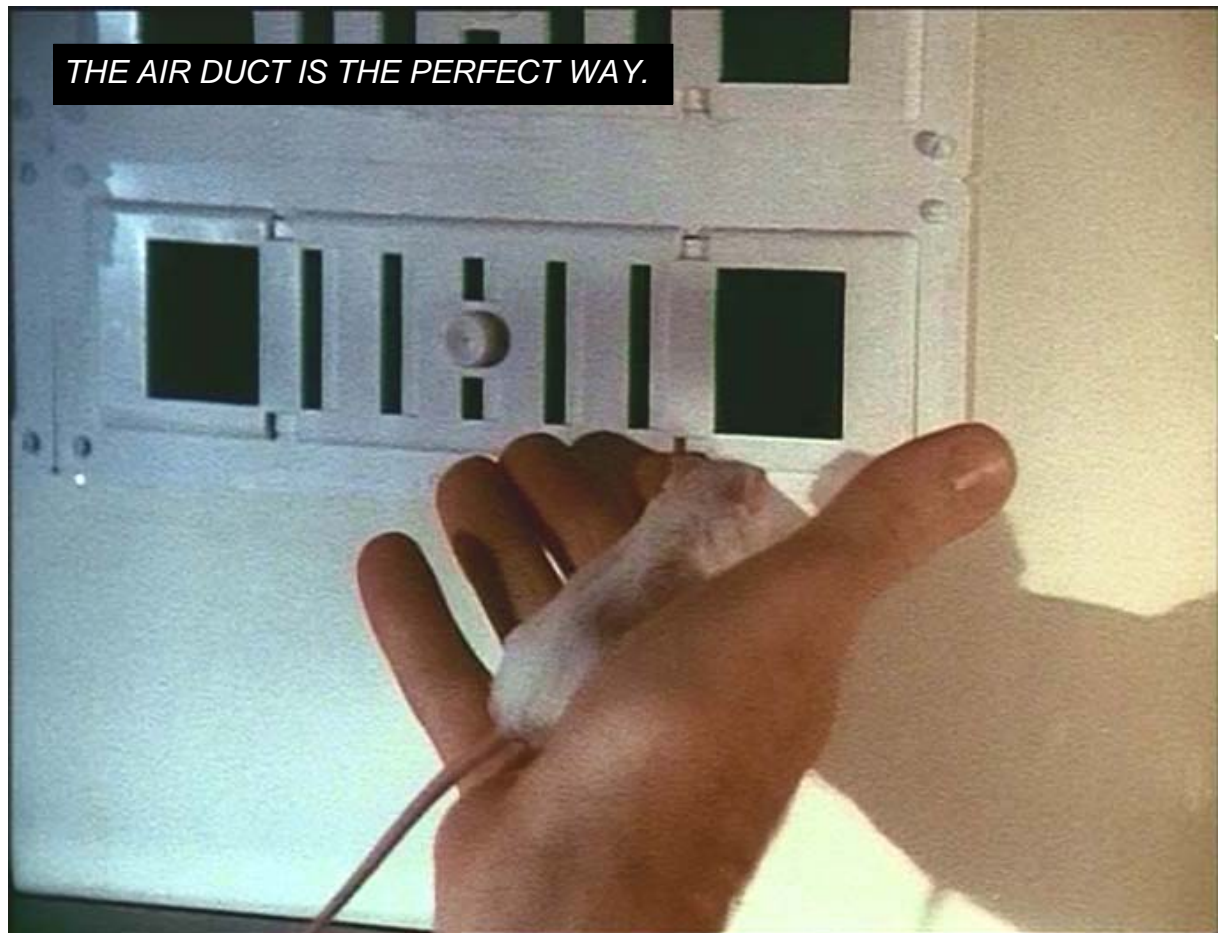
*IN THE SICK BAY THE CREATURE CAN BE
SEEN WHILE ATTACKING VERDESCHI.*

*MAYA IS NO MORE INTENTIONED
TO SIT THERE AND WATCH.*



*TO REACH TONY, DOORS ARE NOT
NECESSARY.*





BUT MAYA IS COMING.



THE LOGICAL IDEA IS BECOMING A SIMILAR CREATURE...



...BUT STRANGELY SHE CAN'T
GET THE MULECULAR STRUC-
TURE OF THE MONSTER.



BETTER SOMETHING COMPLE-
TELY DIFFERENT.





*MAYA ATTACKS THE MONSTER
GIVING SOME REST TO VERDE-
SCHI...*



BUT NOW SHE IS IN NEED OF HELP.

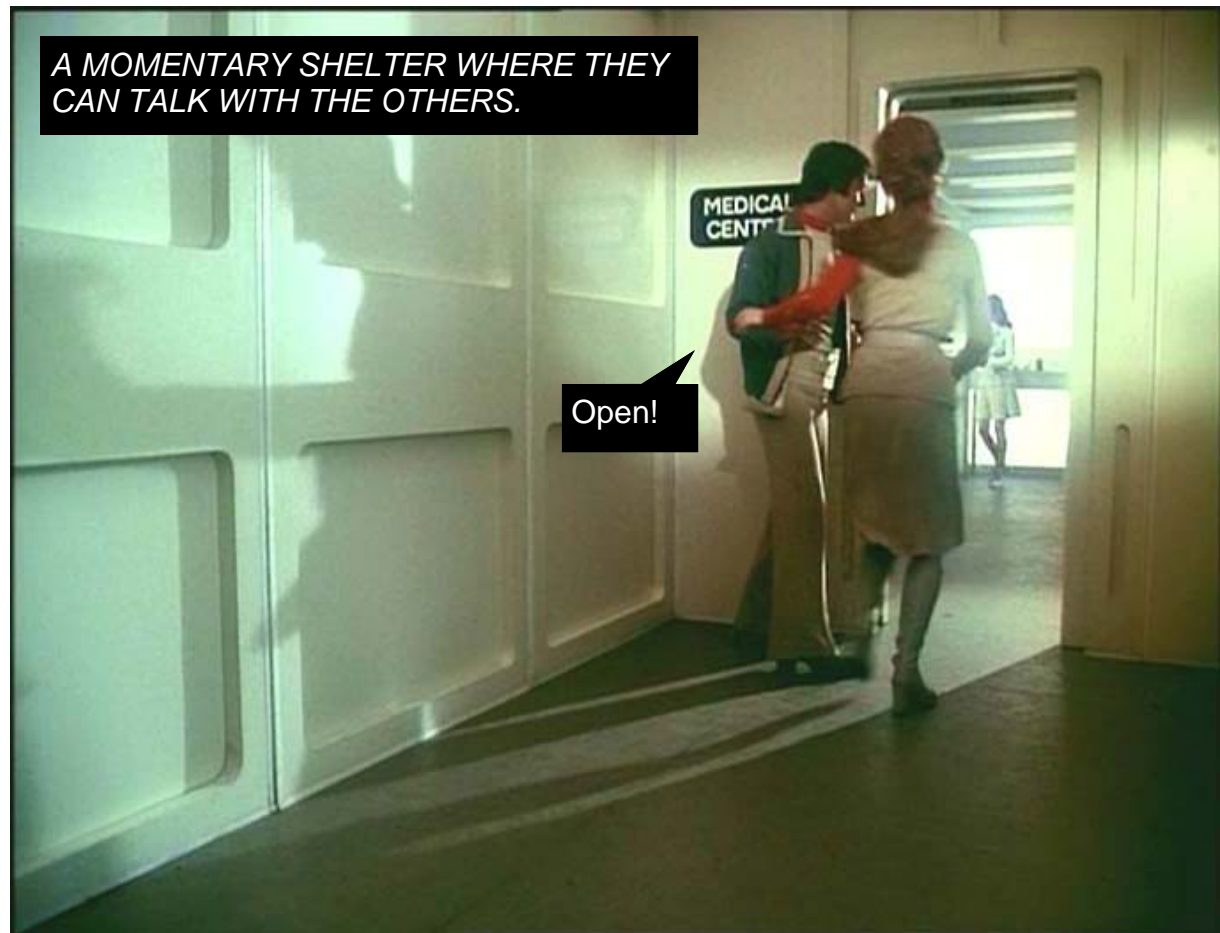


THE FIRE EXTINGUISHER IS A GOOD DECOY.



PUSHED AWAY BY THE PRESSURE, THE CREATURE HOLDS OFF.











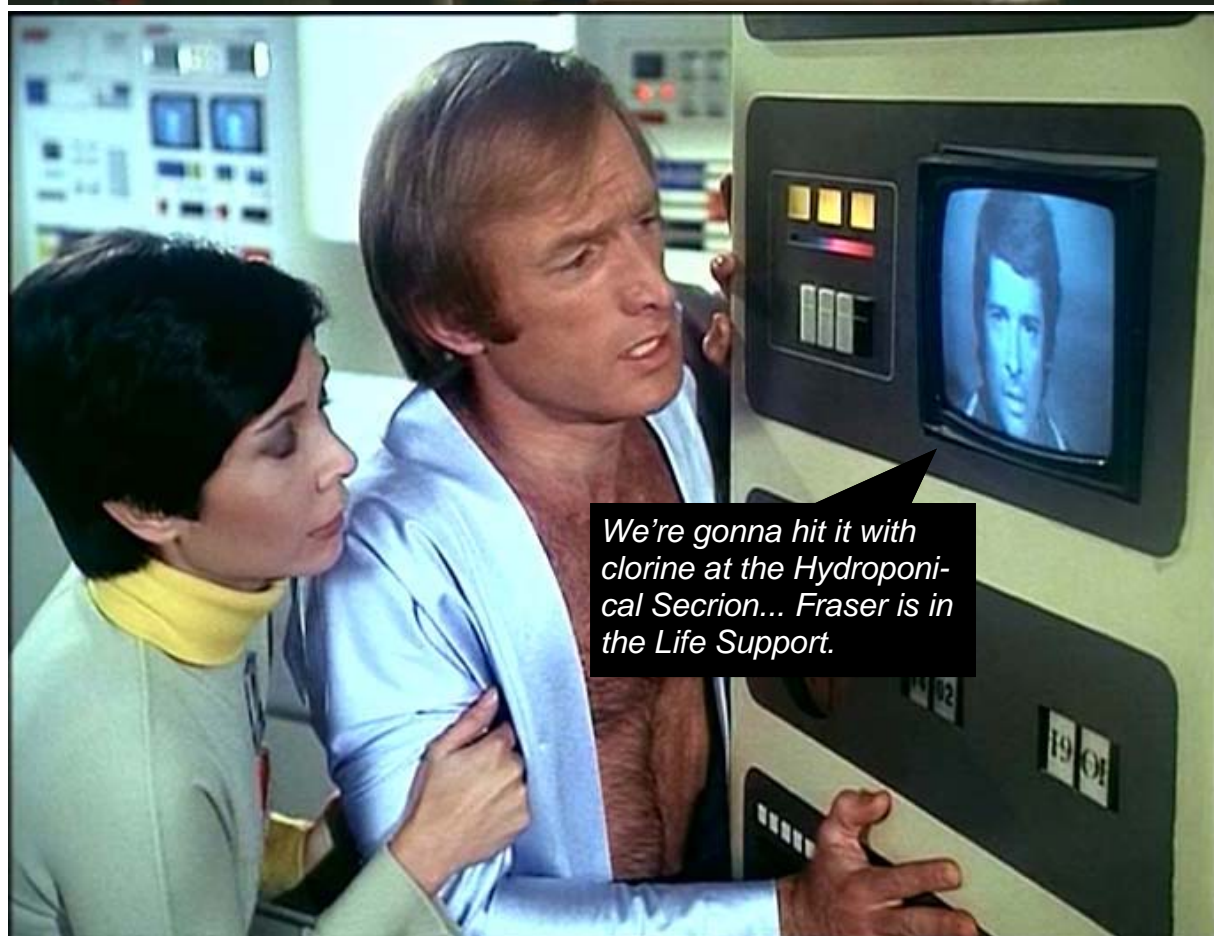






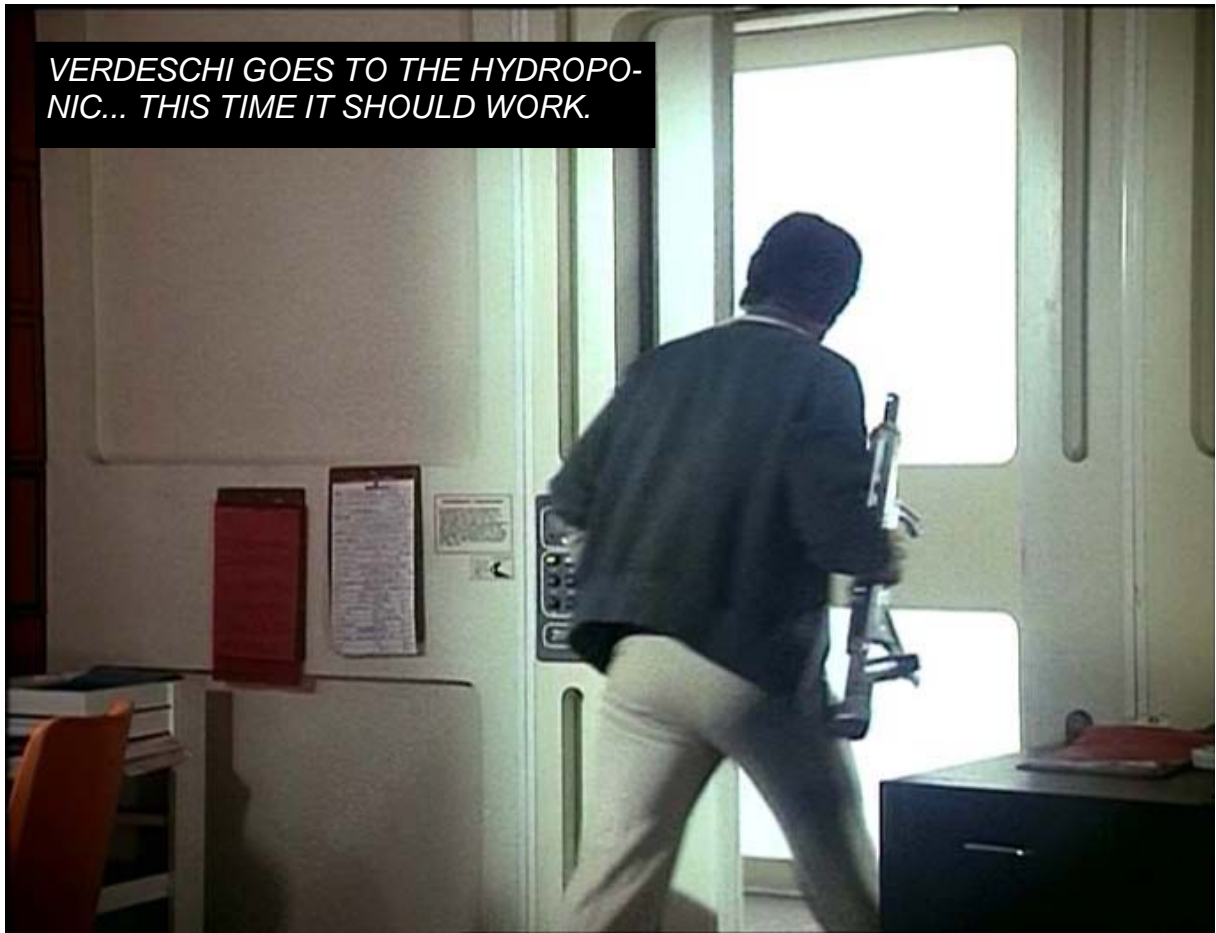


You go there!
Open!



We're gonna hit it with
clorine at the Hydroponi-
cal Secrion... Fraser is in
the Life Support.

VERDESCHI GOES TO THE HYDROPO-
NIC... THIS TIME IT SHOULD WORK.



Bill, set up an electrical barrier across the approach to Life Support. San will tell you all about it.

CARTER GIVES ORDERS TO
FRASER...





*MAYA TRANSFORMS
HERSELF.*



*SHE HOLDS THE SYRINGE WITH THE
POWERFUL POISON.*





A WORRIED VERDESCHI WATCHES
MAYA TEASING THE MONSTER IN
THE HYDROPONIC ROOM...

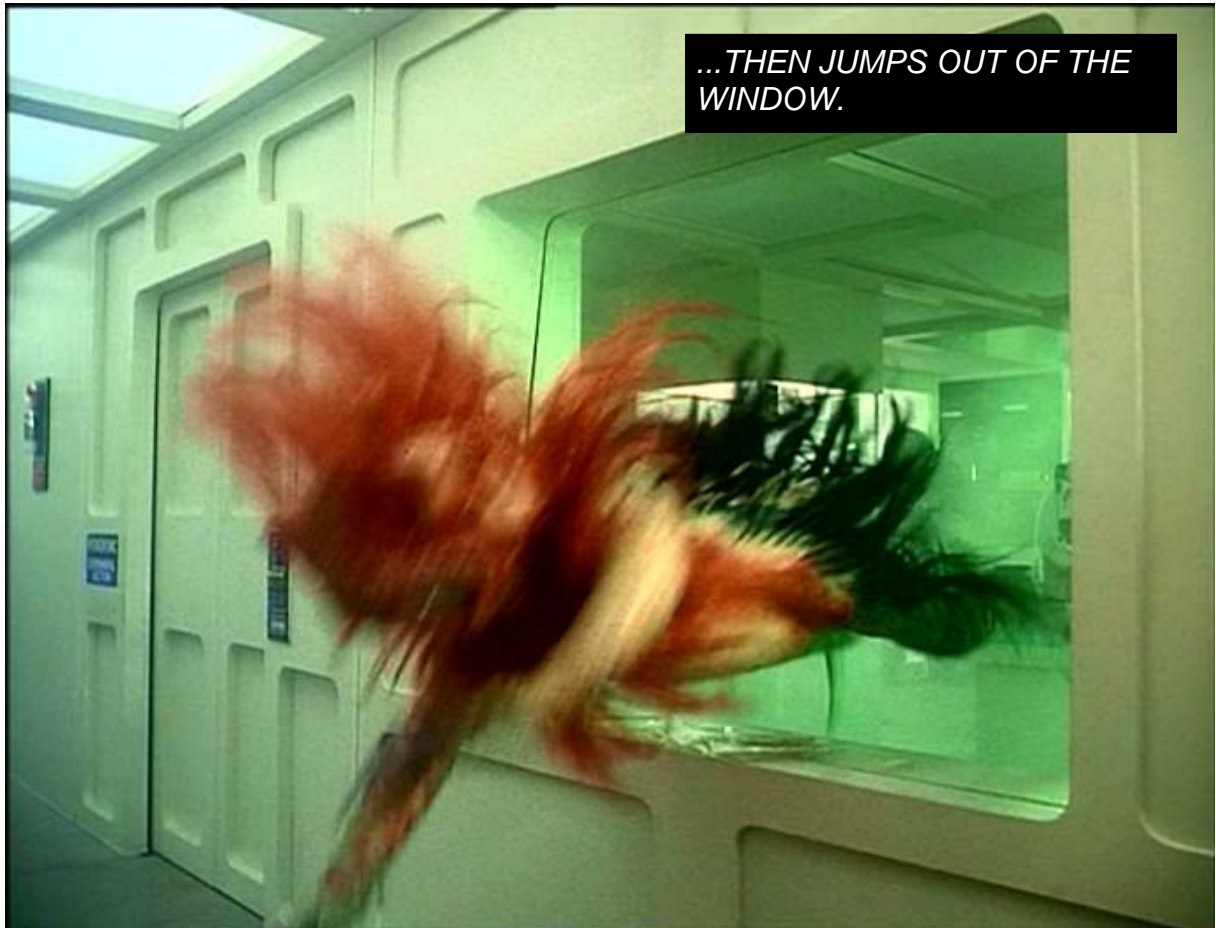


THE TWO CREATURES
STRUGGLE...





MAYA SUCCEEDS AND OPERATES THE LETHAL SHOT...

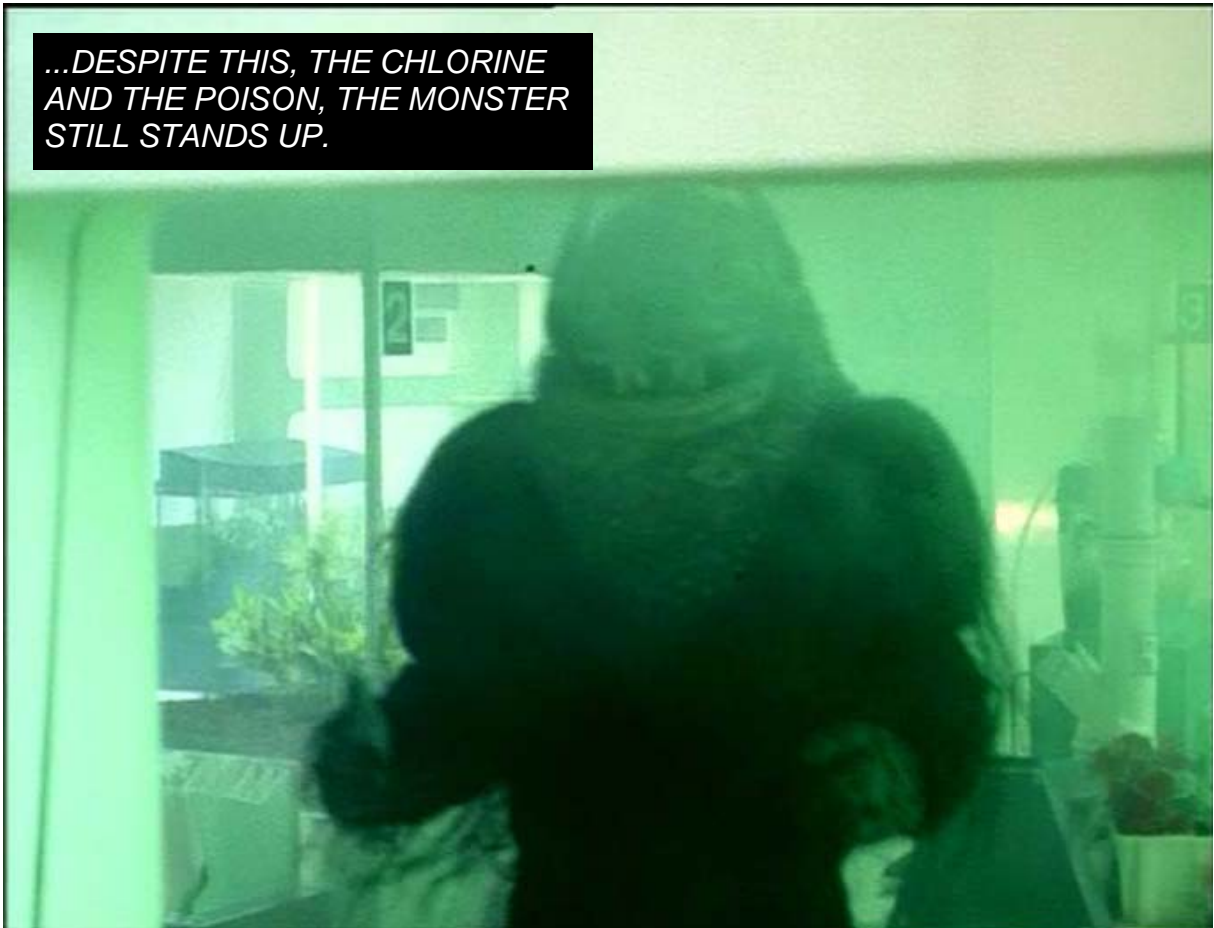


...THEN JUMPS OUT OF THE WINDOW.

VERDESCHI FIRES A ROCKET...



*...DESPITE THIS, THE CHLORINE
AND THE POISON, THE MONSTER
STILL STANDS UP.*



THEY CAN ONLY RUN, AGAIN.



AT THE LIFE SUPPORT, FRASER GOES ON WORKING...





MEANWHILE...



Alan, it didn't work...



Tony, go to Life Support... But be careful: Fraser is setting up an electrical barrier!



Maya, there is one way: you become a creature like that...



I've tried to! But its molecular form eludes me!





TONY AND MAYA TRY TO REACH
THE LIFE SUPPORT SECTION...



We've tried ever-
ything, nothing
works...

There's something we
haven't tried...

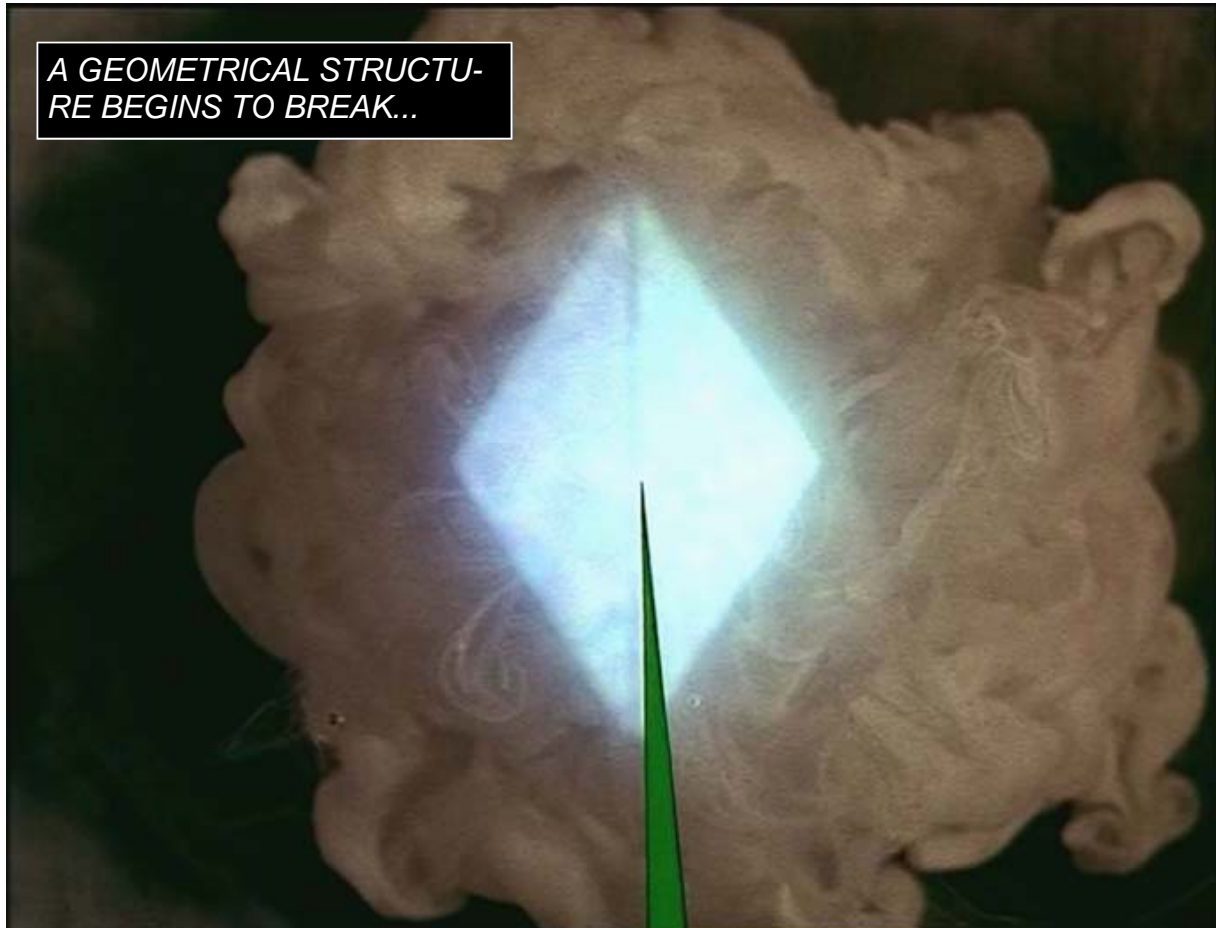


THEY GO TO THE WEAPONS SECTION
AND AIM A LASER CANNON.



If we can threaten the
cloud, it'll have to call
the creature back...





...AND IS DIVIDED IN TWO
PIECES.



It worked! We've
done it!!





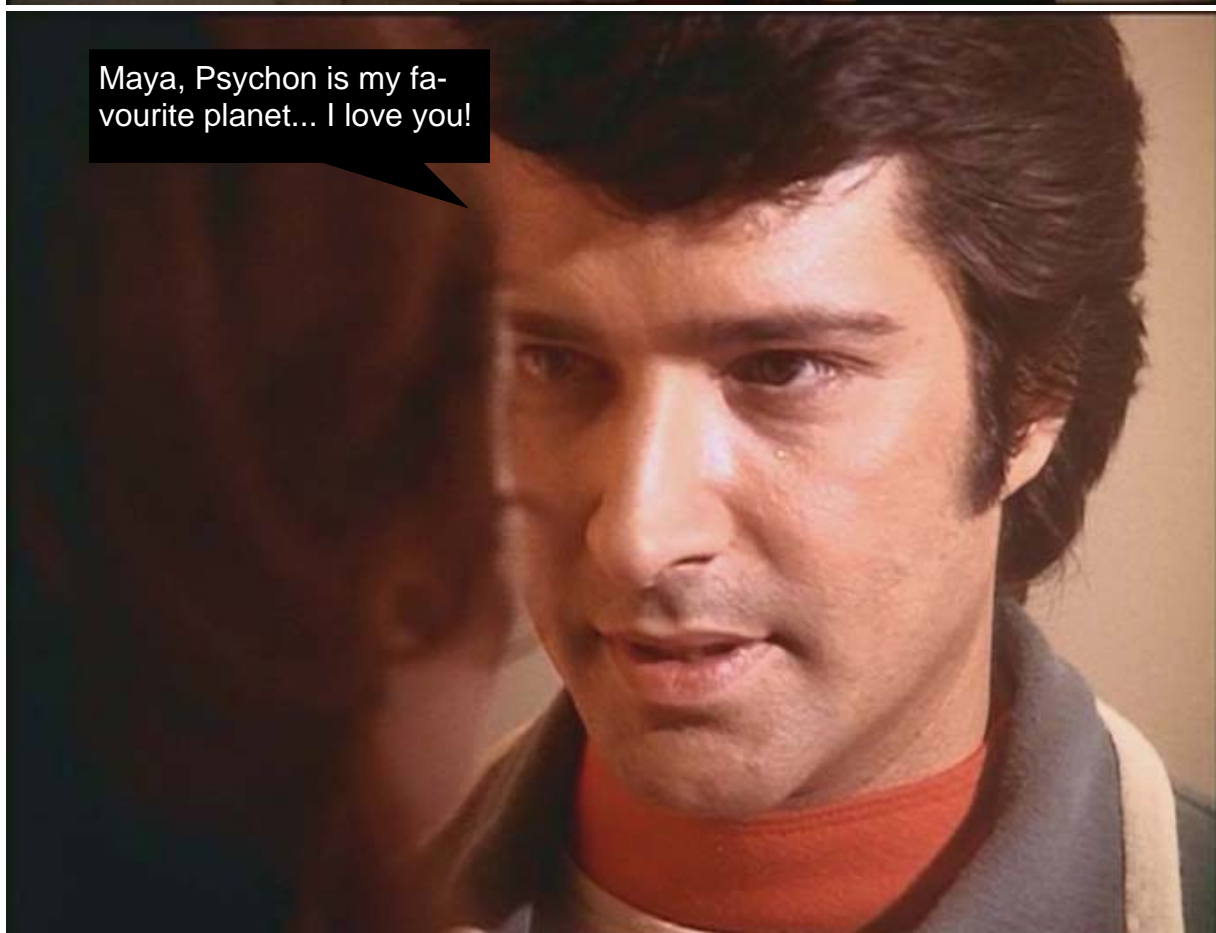




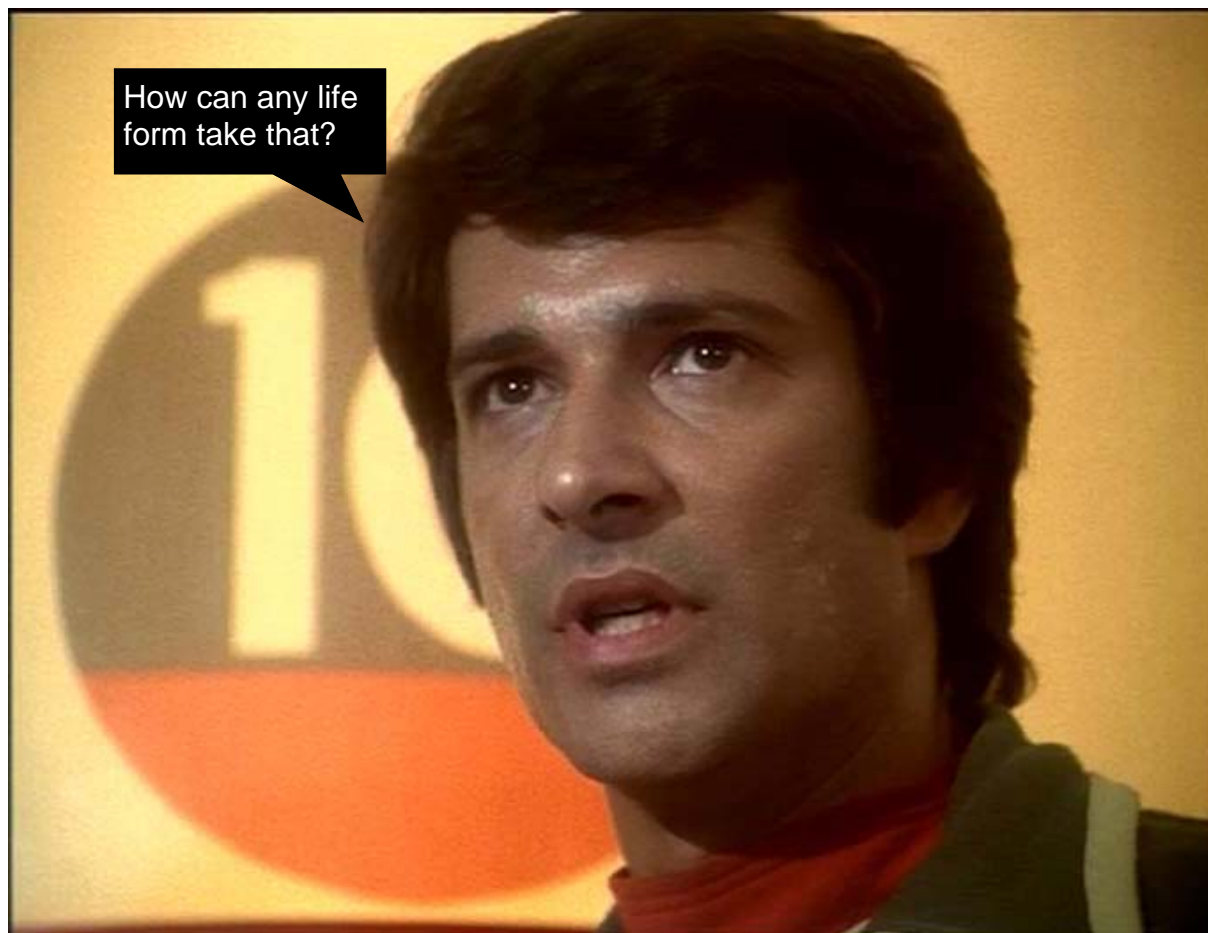
*WALKING HEAVILY AS USUAL, THE
CREATURE GETS CLOSE TO THE
BARRIER...*



*...AND IS MOMENTARILY PUSHED
BACK BY THOUSANDS OF VOLTS.*







How can any life form take that?



Tony! When Eagle 6 came down my sensors showed no life form! It's no life form... It's a robot!

MAYA HAS AN IDEA.

TONY AND FRASER ATTACK
THE CREATURE...



FRASER IS SOON
THROWN AWAY.

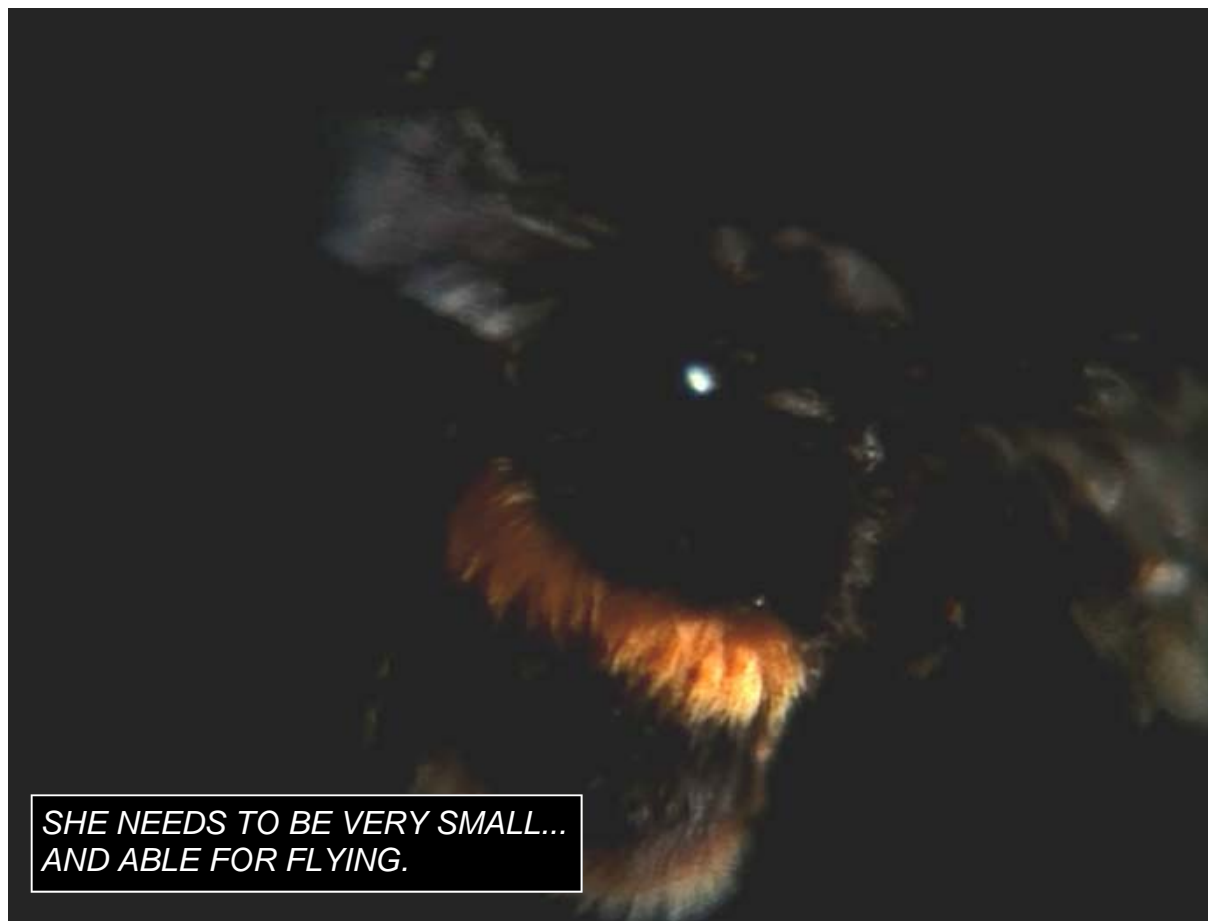


*VERDESCHI STRUGGLES, BUT
HAS NO HOPE...*



*BUT MAYA'S IDEA COULD BE
THE RIGHT ONE.*





*SHE NEEDS TO BE VERY SMALL...
AND ABLE FOR FLYING.*



*IT WILL BE VERY USEFUL TO HAVE A
LOOK INTO THE MONSTER'S EAR.*

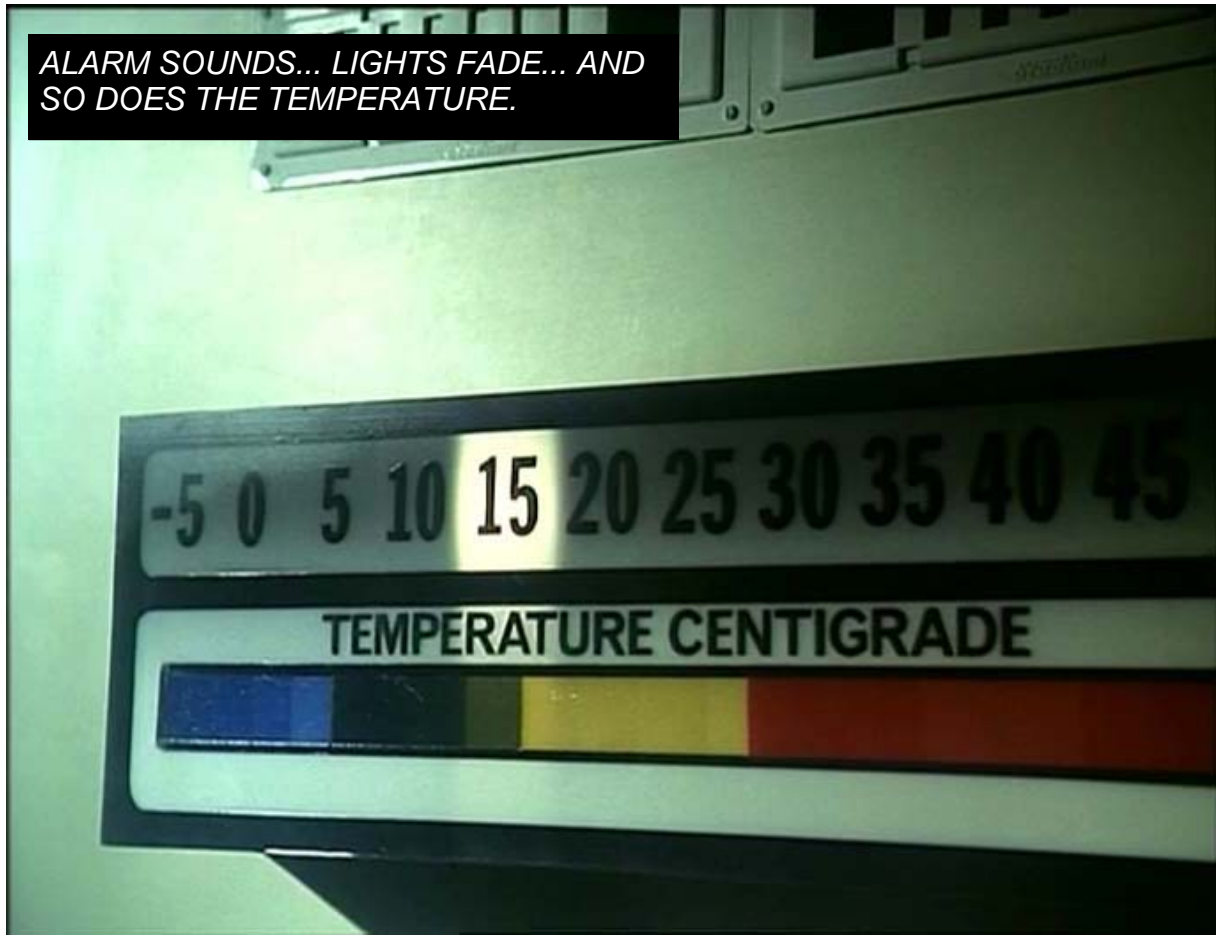
TONY IS INJURED AND
KNOCKED OUT.



AT LAST THE MONSTER CAN
GET WHAT HE WANTS.



ALARM SOUNDS... LIGHTS FADE... AND
SO DOES THE TEMPERATURE.



SANDRA DOES HER BEST TO
HELP THE OTHERS .



He's taken the
core...

*BUT MAYA HAS ARRIVED
WHERE SHE WANTED.*



*SHE WAS RIGHT... THE EAR IS FULL OF
ELECTRONIC CIRCUITS.*



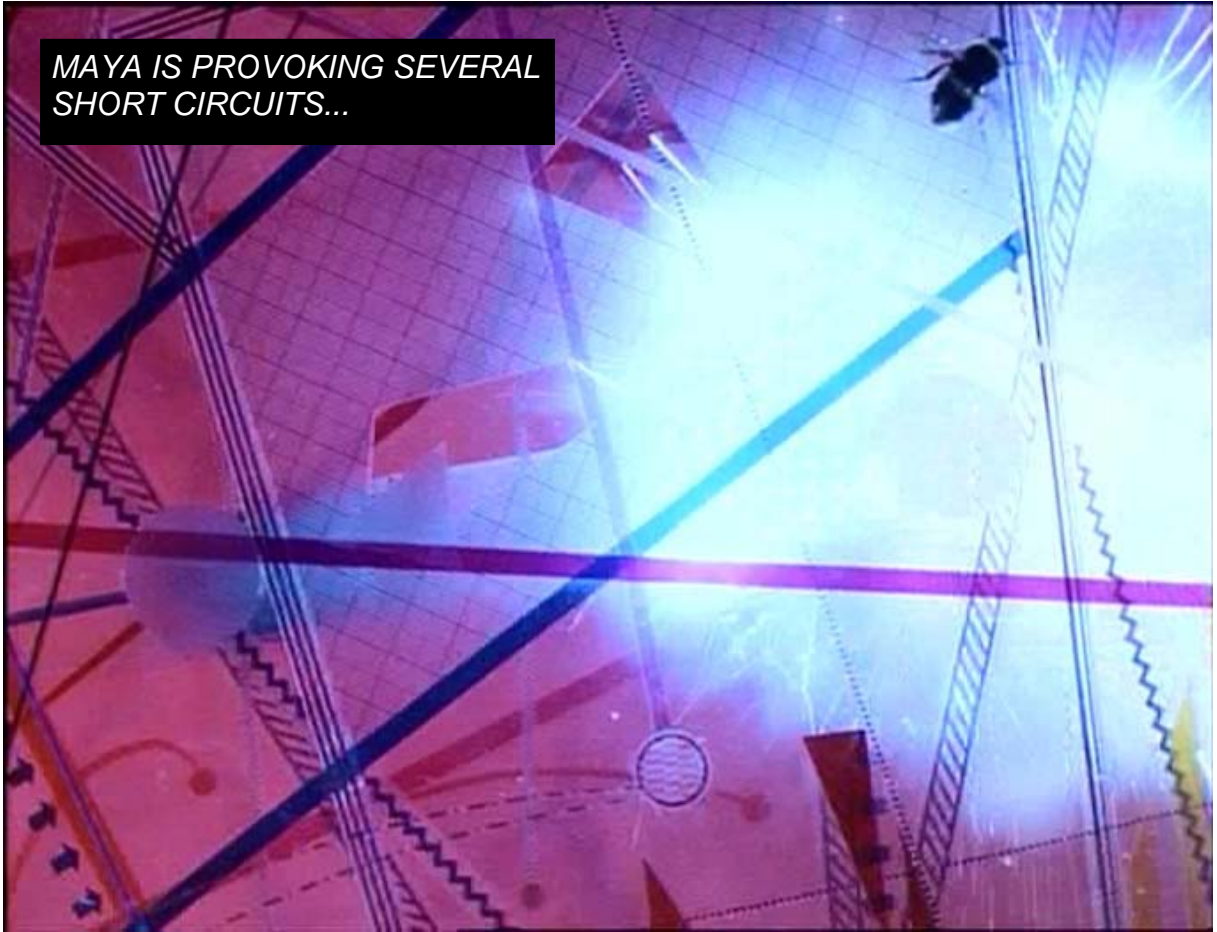
THAT FOREIGN BODY CONFUSES THE
ARTIFICIAL BEING...



SO THAT IT LOSES THE PRECIOUS
CORE.



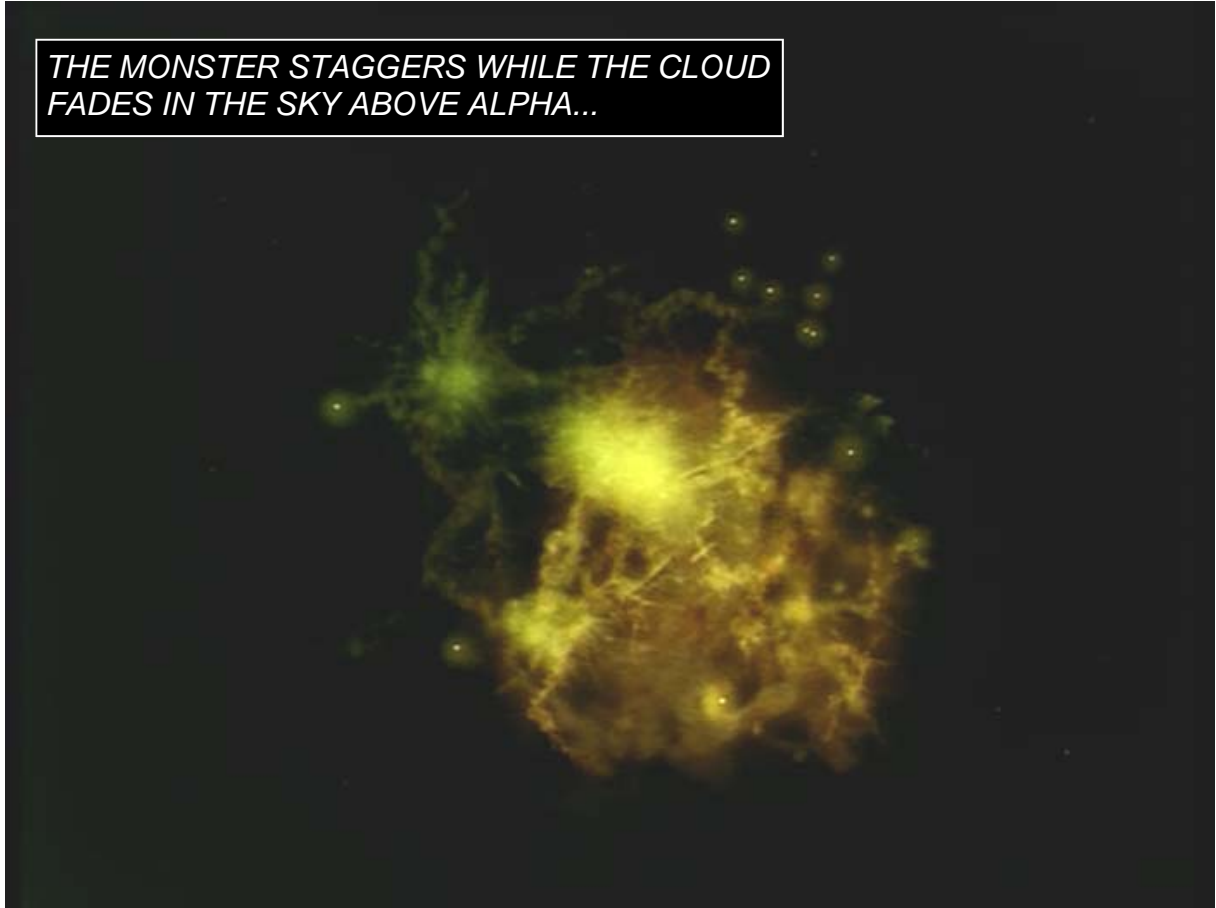
*MAYA IS PROVOKING SEVERAL
SHORT CIRCUITS...*



TONY GETS BACK THE VITAL DEVICE.



THE MONSTER STAGGERS WHILE THE CLOUD
FADES IN THE SKY ABOVE ALPHA...



TONY CRAWLS TO RESTORE THE
LIFE SUPPORT SYSTEM.



AT LAST THE MONSTER
FALLS DOWN.



THE LIFE SUPPORT SYSTEM IS OPERA-
TIONAL AGAIN... THE CLOUD HAS DISAP-
PEARED. THE NIGHTMARE IS OUT.

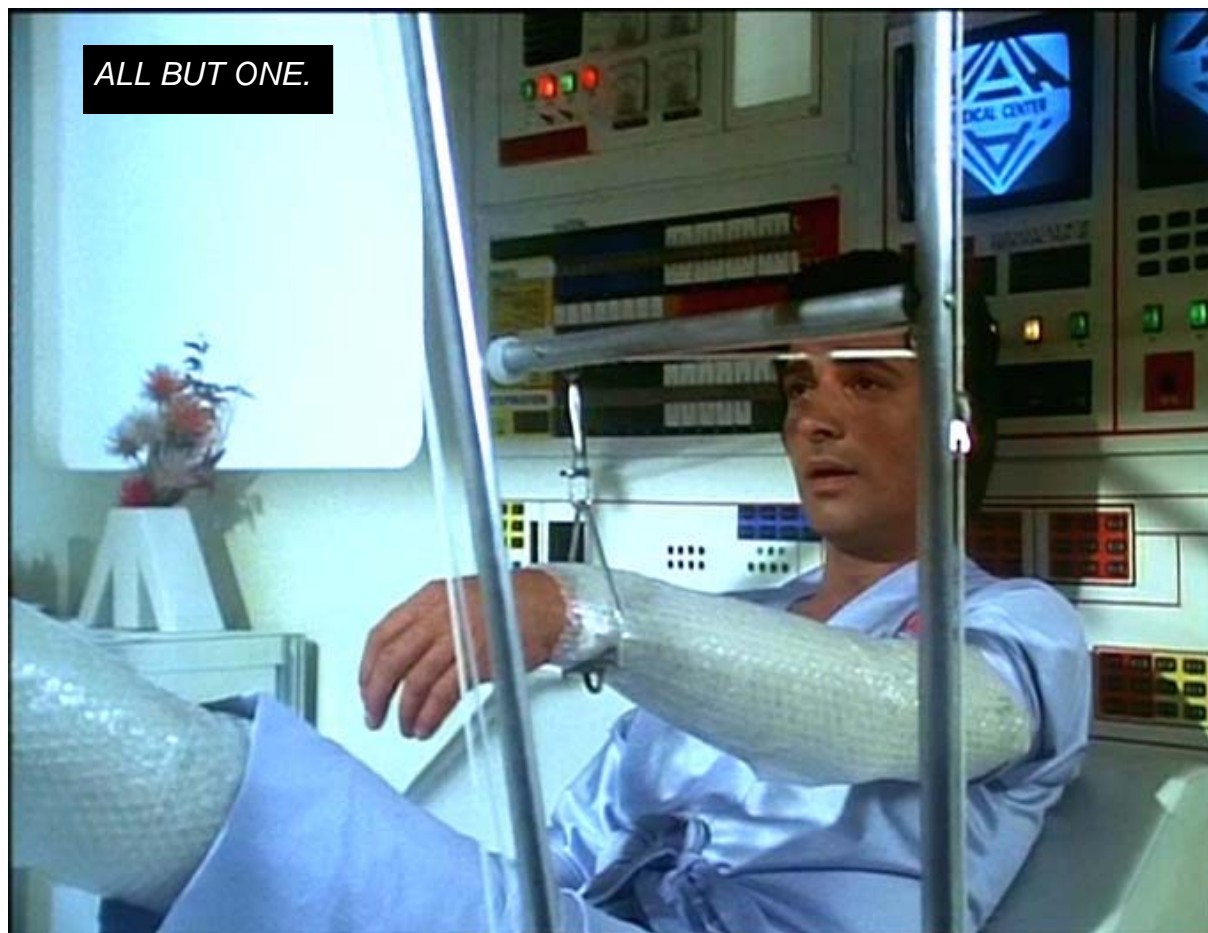


*SOME DAYS LATER, ALPHA IS AGAIN
IN PEACE...*



*THE SICK BAY IS EMPTY AGAIN. ALL PATIENTS
HAVE GONE BACK TO THEIR USUAL DUTIES.*





ALL BUT ONE.



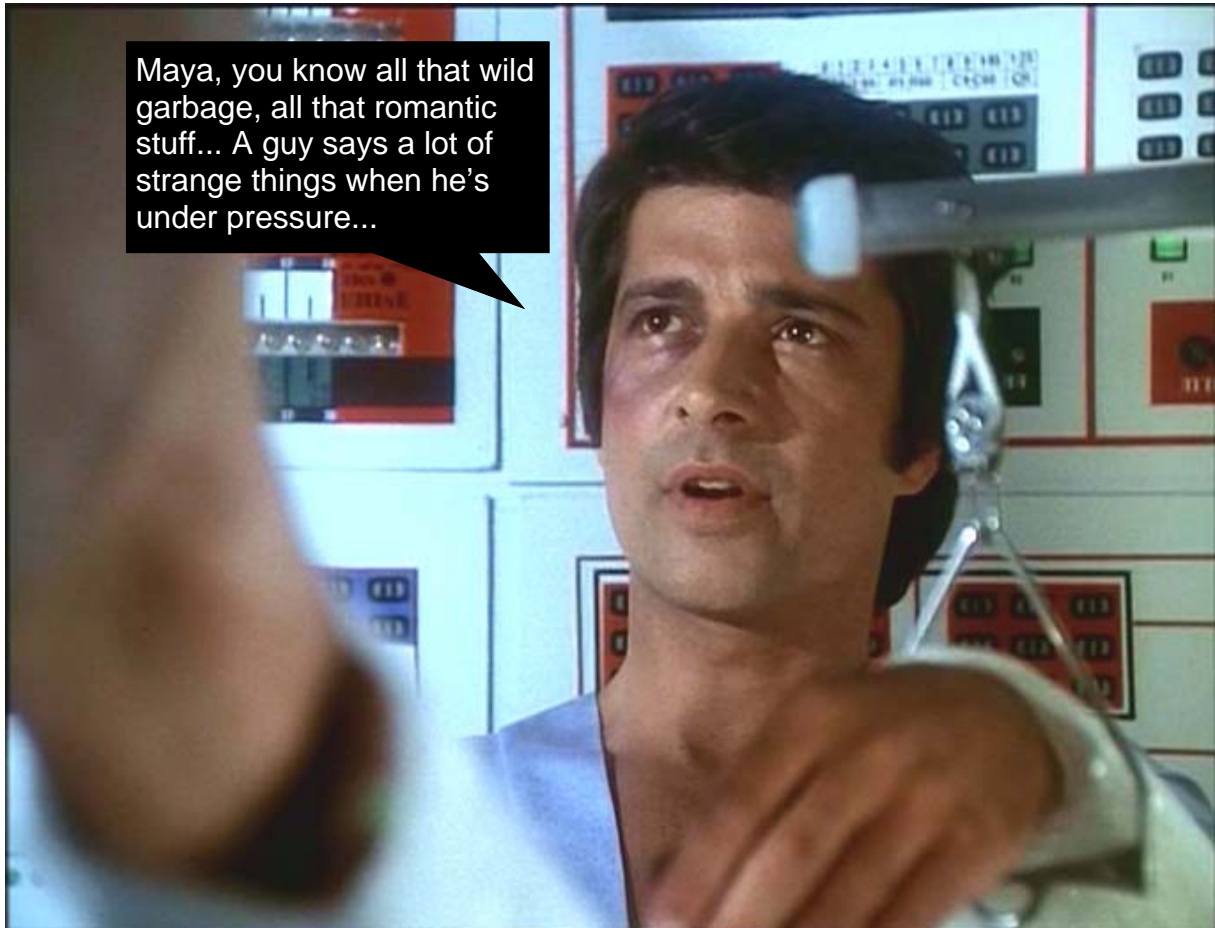
FOR HIS LUCK THERE IS MAYA TO COMFORT HIM.

How come I'm alone here? This place was jumping with patients...

John is assessing the damages, Helena is checking life support systems, Bill Fraser only suffered bruises and contusions... And heals quicker than you!



The cloud has disappeared... It's really eerie!



Maya, you know all that wild garbage, all that romantic stuff... A guy says a lot of strange things when he's under pressure...

