

Vagueland

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FADE IN:

EXT. ISLAND - DAY

It's a beautiful tropical island with white sandy beaches. A huge mountain dominates the center of the island. The whole island is surrounded by lush, dense jungle.

SUPER: January 25th, 1944.

A periscope extends through up through the water. The periscope turns 180 degrees. The island is mirrored in the periscope lens.

INT. U-BOAT BRIDGE - DAY

A man is looking into the periscope. He is wearing a black cloak from head to toe. Only his hands are visible. His hands have a metal-like circuitry that runs with his tendons and veins, from the forehead, down to the tips of his fingers, which are smooth and hard like crystal. He is tapping his fingers in a rhythm along the metal handles. Each tap on the handle gives off a small spark.

ROAN

Commander, what do your instruments tell you?

U-BOAT COMMANDER (O.S.)

By our calculations we are at the outer edge of the Ring of Fire, but our instruments cannot get an accurate fix on our position.

Roan spins around from the periscope, and stands upright, his head touching the top of the U-Boat. The light briefly hits his face through his cloak, revealing a sunken, almost skeleton-like face. The junior officers and crew on the bridge recoil in horror.

ROAN

Commander... time, the Earth, and I, have all caught up to Tephra. We have arrived.

U-BOAT COMMANDER

Are you certain?

ROAN

If you doubt me, then see the island with your own mortal eyes.

Roan extends his arm and hand towards the periscope. The Sub Commander walks toward the periscope and peers into it.

Roan's hands start to glow; his veins, tendons and bones visible through the skin. The tips of his fingers white hot, sparking and arching electricity between the fingers. Roan grabs the sub commander by the shoulders.

A blood curdling scream echoes throughout the sub.

All the sub crew can see is flame and sparks in front of Roan as his massive frame blocks their view of the Sub Commander. The electricity arcs up through the periscope, terminating in the roof of the bridge.

The scream stops. Roan turns to face the crew. The U-Boat Commander's body falls to the floor, his body shrivelled and like a rag doll, still sparking and crackling.

Roan surveys the shocked crew. One junior officer has been obviously unfazed by the whole event.

ROAN (CONT'D)

You there!

(pointing at the junior  
officer)

Do you doubt me?

JUNIOR OFFICER

No, Sir.

ROAN

Are you sure you would not like to  
gaze into the infinite as your  
Commander did?

JUNIOR OFFICER

No, Sir.

ROAN

Good, then give the order to load  
the device into the torpedo tubes  
and prepare to fire.

JUNIOR OFFICER

Mr. Hastings.

Hastings, the weapons officer snaps out of his daze.

HASTINGS

Yes, Sir!

JUNIOR OFFICER  
Load tube six with the special  
payload and prepare to fire.

HASTINGS  
(into phone)  
Torpedo room, load tube six

INT. U-BOAT TORPEDO BAY- DAY

Ten men pull on a chain attached to a wench and position the torpedo into the tube and shut the hatch behind it. One of the men SLAMS a large button next to the hatch.

INT. U-BOAT BRIDGE- DAY

A red light on the control panel illuminates.

HASTINGS  
Torpedo ready to launch, sir!

JUNIOR OFFICER  
Master Roan, we are ready to fire.

ROAN  
THEN FIRE!

EXT. U-BOAT- DAY

Under the water the torpedo SHOOTS out of the tube and makes it's way to the island.

We follow the torpedo as it heads towards the island. It surfaces as it closes on the island, and then rises out of the water twenty feet and a rocket booster IGNITES, SHOOTING the torpedo like a missile towards the island. We see that there is a tether attached to the torpedo.

Just as the torpedo crosses land it suddenly slows to a dead stop in midair; it's rocket booster still burning at full blast.

The torpedo cum missile's casings start to EXPAND, and powerful rays of light BEAM out of the cracks in the casing, and then the casing BURSTS, revealing a blue orb crackling with energy. The blue orb reaches a massive size, twenty meters in diameter. Rays of white light BEAM out of it. The orb starts to shift and change colors and then BOOM! The orb EXPLODES.

Where the orb detonated there is now an area the same size that the orb was that is shifting all colors of the spectrum, with changing kaleidoscopic patterns.

INT. U-BOAT BRIDGE- DAY

ROAN  
(to junior officer)  
Surface this floating sarcophagus  
and prepare the landing party.

Roan pushes past the crew with an unnatural grace, his hand sparking the metal as his tall, lanky frame slithers through the door into the main hold.

EXT. ISLAND- DAY

The U-Boat surfaces with a great WHOOSH. It is a massive hulk of a ship. Several small muffled explosions are heard coming from inside the boat. Two huge PANELS on the side of the U-boat open. One panel SMASHES into the ocean; the other panel jams in the half-way position, letting out a loud SCREECH as it stops. Cursing is heard from inside the U-Boat.

AT THE TOP OF THE PANEL

A large hammer appears over the edge of the panel, then a fat head.

A PORTLY MECHANIC reaches over precariously and BANGS furiously with a mallet on the huge hydraulic piston holding the panel in place. The portly mechanic stops to mop his brow, and then the piston suddenly releases, sending him and the door plunging into the sea.

A loud rumbling is heard from inside the hold and then a large amphibious vehicle ZOOMS out of the hold. The portly mechanic, treading water with his mallet still in hand, throws the mallet at the amphibious vehicle as it passes in front of him. The mallet bounces off the hull with a loud BONG!

AT THE BEACH

The amphibious vehicle reaches the shoreline and drives onto the beach. A ramp in the center of the vehicle lowers and a top hatch opens and the crew descends down the ramp.