

ACT THREE

FADE IN:

92. EXT. IOLANI PALACE - DAY (STOCK) 92.

The ZOOM to McGarrett's window.

93. INT. MCGARRETT'S OFFICE - DAY 93.

Telephone RINGS. McGarrett picks it up.

MCGARRETT

McGarrett.

OPERATOR'S VOICE

Ready on your call to Hong Kong,
sir.

MCGARRETT

Oh, fine.

OPERATOR'S VOICE

(to other party)
Go ahead, sir.

BLAKE (V.O.)

(filter)
McGarrett? ...

MCGARRETT

Yes...

94. INT. BLAKE'S OFFICE (HONG KONG) - DAY 94.

Blake is at his desk. He is 45 to 50, slightly
overweight, a bit ruffled, and British. But beneath
the anti-heroic veneer, there is a sharp mind. He is
eating a sumptuous Chinese meal at his desk. X

BLAKE

Blake here! Sorry I couldn't get
back sooner. Had a nasty morning... X

CAMERA ZOOMS OUT to reveal a very cowed Chinese in
handcuffs with two tough-looking CID MEN standing over
him. X

BLAKE (CONT'D)

... but everything's sorted out now.
What's up, my friend.

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INTERCUT MCGARRETT

MCGARRETT

We've got a visitor here named Soong ... T.L. Soong ... supposed to be a Professor from the University of Hong Kong. I'd like a description, and verification of whereabouts.

BLAKE

Simple enough. I'll have it on the telex in minutes. And thanks for that super surveillance report on the Chan Lee woman. We'd never have got a conviction without it.

MCGARRETT

Any time.

BLAKE

Goodbye, McGarrett. And do come and see us one day. We'll have a good talk, and I'll buy you a dinner. Chinese, of course.

MCGARRETT

Of course.
(hangs up with a smile)

95. EXT. UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII - DAY

95.

96. INT. FACULTY LOUNGE - DAY

96.

ANGLE DOOR as Wo Fat enters, appearing for all the world as a Visiting Professor. He pauses in the doorway - surprised, because the room is so empty and quiet.

97. HIS POV - LONG SHOT - DR. DALTON

97.

She is sitting in a chair, all by herself, looking sad and lonely. She rises when she sees Wo Fat.

98. BACK TO WO FAT

98.

PAN HIM as he approaches Dr. Dalton. They meet in center of the room.

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DR. DALTON

There's been a terrible tragedy.
The reception has been called
off. Dr. Kiamalu sends his
apologies.

WO FAT

What happened?

DR. DALTON

A faculty member - was killed
a few hours ago in a car accident.

WO FAT

I'm sorry to hear that.

DR. DALTON

Maybe you knew him. He was also
from Hong Kong - many years ago.
Professor Po Ling ...

WO FAT

Po Ling - of course! We were
very good friends. We escaped
across the Red Chinese border
together in 1949.

DR. DALTON

Then it's your loss too.

WO FAT

(as if depressed)
Very much so.

DR. DALTON

(beat; reacts to the
large gloomy room)
I think a little sunlight would
help.

WO FAT

Of course.

They start to exit.

99. EXT. CAMPUS - DAY

99.

TRUCKING WO FAT & DR. DALTON as they walk through the
campus. A moment of silence. They pass a STUDENT sitting
on a ledge, working with a slide rule and graph paper.

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DR. DALTON

They say there's form in the universe. But a thing like this - a brilliant life snuffed out by chance - you wonder.

WO FAT

Are we sure it was chance?

DR. DALTON

What do you mean?

WO FAT

Po Ling was an outspoken critic of the Red regime -- a constant thorn in their sides. One has to wonder.

DR. DALTON

I'd hate to think that what you're suggesting is true.

WO FAT

As one who has lived on both sides, I assure you police states will stop at nothing to achieve their ends. That is why I become so alarmed when I see signs of --

(Two HPD Men pass by,
on their way to the
Science Building)

-- well, I am only a visitor here. It isn't right for me to criticize.

DR. DALTON

You hardly have to say it, Professor. It's rather obvious for anyone to see. Our movements restricted - their telling us where we can and cannot go. I guess in the end it's our own fault for not being more critical - more resistant.

(beat; then determined)

You wanted to see the environmental vacuum chamber. Well you're going to see it, Professor. Come with me.

They head toward the Science Building, and enter it.

100. INT. CORRIDOR - SCIENCE BUILDING - DAY

100.

Wo Fat and Dr. Dalton approach Laboratory 2, and pause there. Dr. Dalton takes a key from her handbag.

WO FAT

Allow me.

In a gentlemanly fashion, he takes the key from her and opens the door.

101. INT. UNIVERSITY LAB - DAY

101.

as they enter. The lab is not in use. Dr. Dalton flips on the lights, as the door closes behind them with a solid CLICK. Dr. Dalton walks up to a piece of advanced machinery.

DR. DALTON

Introducing - Enviro-VI ...
developed by Dr. Paul Mehalani
of our Biochemistry Department.
There are only five of these in
the world ...

As Dr. Dalton continues speaking, CAMERA MOVES IN ON WO FAT, then TILTS DOWN SLOWLY TO CU of his hand. We see that he is pressing the key into a wad of soft clay.

DR. DALTON (CONT'D) (V.O.)

... It allows us to observe all
physical matter in a new and
un-distorted way ...

102. ON DR. DALTON

102.

DR. DALTON

... under residual pressure of
one 400 millionths of an atmosphere ...

103. CLOSEUP - WO FAT

103.

While she continues to talk, his eyes scan the room cunningly and with expertise.

DR. DALTON (V.O.)

... We can study matter from outer
space, or probe the very substance
of life itself - the DNA of the
living cell ...

104. HIS POV - ZOOM SHOT - BUNSEN BURNER

104.

on lab table. It is not lit. CAMERA PANS below lab table and FOLLOWS pipe that leads from Bunsen burner to the wall.

DR. DALTON (V.O.)

... Using this chamber, we have now verified that DNA is the carrier of genetic information for all living systems...

105. BACK TO WO FAT

105.

He starts to walk casually toward the Bunsen burner, all the while pretending to be absorbed in Dr. Dalton's talk. He positions himself behind the lab table, so that his hands are concealed from Dr. Dalton.

DR. DALTON (V.O.)

... and that the amino acid sequence of any polypeptide chain ...

106. ANGLE - UNDER LAB TABLE

106.

Wo Fat removes the key from the wad of clay - puts the clay in his pocket - but continues holding onto the key.

DR. DALTON (V.O.)

... is related to the linear sequence of nucleotides ...

107. ON DR. DALTON

107.

DR. DALTON

... within a DNA molecule! Can you imagine that?

108. CLOSEUP - WO FAT

108.

WO FAT

Incredible!

DR. DALTON (V.O.)

But our greatest breakthrough...

109. ANGLE - UNDER LAB TABLE

109.

Wo Fat now takes a small object out of another pocket. It is about the size of a lump of sugar, and swathed in adhesive tape.

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He presses it to the underside of the pipe that leads from the Bunsen burner to the wall.

DR. DALTER (V.O.)
... was learning the chemical properties of the DNA itself. Observing that DNA from different bacterial sources show a wide variety of composition and density...

110. WIDE ANGLE - ROOM

110.

DR. DALTON
... which nobody would have suspected without this wonderful chamber!
(beat; she glances embarrassedly at Wo Fat)
I'm afraid I've let myself go on. Once a teacher ...

WO FAT
No need to apologize, Doctor. I assure you, I could not have spent a more profitable afternoon.
(as they start to exit together)
Don't forget your key.

He hands it to her; she accepts.

DR. DALTON
Thanks.

They exit the lab.

111. EXT. IOLANI PALACE - DAY (STOCK)

111.

To establish.

112. INT. McGARRETT'S OFFICE - DAY

112.

Duke enters, finds McGarrett at his desk.

X

DUKE
Steve ...

McGARRETT
Yeah, Duke.

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112. CONTINUED

112.

DUKE

X

Everything's cool with Professor Soong.

McGARRETT

You checked him out?

DUKE

About two hours ago. He seems legit. Nobody we know.

McGARRETT

(handing Duke telex)

This just came in from Hong Kong C.I.D.

DUKE

(reading)

Soong, T.L. - Professor - confirmed departure for Honolulu 24 hours ago. Description: Chinese male, height 5'9", medium build, age 48, small pointed beard...

X

(hands telex back to McGarrett)

That's him.

113. INT. CLASSROOM - UNIVERSITY - DAY

113.

ANGLE DOOR as Dean Dalton enters with Wo Fat, and heads for lectern in front of room. The room is BUZZING with jam-packed crowd of STUDENTS and FACULTY who are eagerly awaiting "Prof. Soong's" address. (Note: This room is one flight above street level and overlooks the campus)

DR. DALTON

Ladies and gentlemen, our guest needs little introduction. From Hong Kong, the distinguished teacher - author - philosopher ... Professor T.L. Soong.

TUMULTUOUS APPLAUSE from the class, as Wo Fat rises to the lectern. He smiles, waiting for the APPLAUSE to simmer down. Then he looks sad.

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WO FAT

It is unfortunate that this wonderful moment has been overshadowed by a tragic event. Professor Po Ling was more than a colleague - more than a great scientific mind. He was that rarest of things - a friend ...

Sound of CAR APPROACHING on campus street below. Wo Fat looks unobtrusively toward the window. CAMERA PANS SLOWLY to window, and TILTS DOWN to reveal a "Honolulu Gas Company" truck pulling up near campus utility building.

WO FAT (CONT'D) (V.O.)

(as CAMERA PANS)

... And so I will dedicate this lecture to him. A lecture on the phenomenon ...

Two Yellow Helmeted Workmen get out of the truck, carrying boxes of tools and equipment, and head for the utility building. No one pays attention to them.

WO FAT (CONT'D) (V.O.)

... of the Exceptional Man.

114. EXT. CAMPUS - DAY

114.

CLOSE TRUCKING - THE YELLOW HELMETED WORKMEN as they approach the utility building with their boxes of tools and equipment. We now see that they are Jimmy Tsen and Harry Luk. They enter the building.

115. INT. UTILITY BUILDING - DAY

115.

as Jimmy Tsen and Harry Luk enter. The room is a maze of pipes, boilers, and electric cables. Jimmy opens one of his boxes, and takes out a volt meter. Using this, he starts to check various pipes for signs of electric current. Meanwhile Harry Luk is taking out an electric drill, and preparing it for use.

116. INT. CLASSROOM - UNIVERSITY - DAY

116.

Wo Fat continuing his lecture.

WO FAT

... nor can we forget the great German philosopher Nietzsche who held that the will to power...

117. INT. UTILITY BUILDING - DAY

117.

CLOSEUP - VOLT METER as the needle kicks high. ZOOM OUT for Jimmy and Harry.

JIMMY TSEN

That's the one.

Harry Luk starts to drill into the pipe that showed an electric reading. Now Jimmy opens another box, and removes a gas cylinder labeled:

FREON - 12

INFLAMMABLE!

CAMERA IN on this cylinder. It has a pressure gauge affixed.

118. INT. CLASSROOM - UNIVERSITY - DAY

118.

Wo Fat winding up lecture.

WO FAT

... the sun, the stars, the universe itself.

(beat)

I thank you!

Thunderous APPLAUSE breaks out.

119. INT. UTILITY BUILDING - DAY

119.

The gas cylinder has now been clamped to the ceiling, and a length of rubber hose is connected from the cylinder to the pipe in which the hole was drilled. These men work quickly, expertly.

120. BACK TO CLASSROOM

120.

The APPLAUSE dies down. Dr. Dalton rises alongside Wo Fat.

DR. DALTON

And now Dr. Soong will answer some questions.

Hands go up. Wo Fat wanders closer to window.

WO FAT

(pointing)

The young woman ... ?

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YOUNG WOMAN

This quality of greatness you spoke about. Is it something we can all obtain, and if so, how?

121. ANGLE WO FAT NEAR WINDOW

121.

with campus street visible below. We see the two Yellow Helmeted Men emerging from Utility Building, and climbing into truck.

WO FAT

May I answer by quoting your own great poet Longfellow, who said...

The TRUCK STARTS below. Wo Fat glances over his shoulder, and sees it pulling away. He smiles slightly, and turns back to the students.

WO FAT (CONT'D)

"The heights by great men
reached and kept
Were not attained by sudden
flight
But they, while their companions
slept,
Were toiling upward in the night."

CAMERA IN on the smiling Wo Fat.

122. EXT. A DESOLATE BEACHFRONT AREA - NIGHT

122.

We see the bare silhouette of the "Honolulu Gas Company" truck against the starry nighttime sky. In f.g., vague shadows of men loading things onto the truck.

WO FAT (V.O.)

Microphones and transmitter.

JIMMY TSEN (V.O.)

Check.

WO FAT (V.O.)

Gas masks.

JIMMY TSEN (V.O.)

Check.

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WO FAT (V.O.)
Machine guns.

JIMMY TSEN (V.O.)
Check.

WO FAT
We move tomorrow morning --
0830 hours.

The truck door is SLAMMED to punctuate scene.

123. EXT. COLLEGE CAMPUS - DAY

123.

ANGLE CLOCK TOWER reading 9 o'clock.

124. INT. CHEMICAL STORAGE ROOM - DAY

124.

as Prof. Shimoto hands his ID card to 1st HPD Guard,
who inserts it in the "black box".

125. CLOSEUP - BLACK BOX AND CVR SCREEN

125.

These words pop up:

SHIMOTO, TAKEO (PROF.)
ID CONFIRMED

126. BACK TO SCENE

126.

1st Guard hands ID card back to Professor, as 2nd Guard
starts to open the safe.

127. EXT. COLLEGE CAMPUS - DAY

127.

PANNING "HONOLULU GAS COMPANY" TRUCK as it enters the
campus and stops near Utility Building. Jimmy Tsen and
Harry Luk are driving.

128. INT. BACK OF TRUCK

128.

as truck stops. It is a command headquarters. Wo Fat
sits there with the Bald Man (who posed as Prof. Soong
to Danny). The Bald Man now wears a yellow helmet and
workman's clothes.

WO FAT
(checking his watch;
a precision operation)
All right.

The Bald Man starts to get out.

129. EXT. TRUCK 129.

as Bald Man hops out with a toolbox, and heads for the Utility Building. The truck moves on toward the Science Building.

130. INT. CORRIDOR - SCIENCE BUILDING - NEAR LAB 2 - DAY 130.

TWO STUDENTS in lab smocks are waiting near lab door, as Prof. Shimoto and the 2 HPD Guards approach.

PROF. SHIMOTO
(to the Guards)
These are two of my students.
They're assisting in the
experiment today.

1st HPD GUARD
ID, please?

They show their student ID cards.

1st HPD GUARD (CONT'D)
All right.

One of the Guards opens lab door with a key, and they all enter.

131. EXT. CAMPUS - NEAR SCIENCE BUILDING 131.

The "Honolulu Gas Company" Truck pulls to a stop near the Science Building.

132. EXT. IOLANI PALACE - DAY (STOCK) 132.

To establish.

133. INT. OUTER OFFICE - FIVE-0 - DAY 133.

ANGLE SECRETARY on phone. Danny and Chin Ho are standing nearby.

SECRETARY
(on phone; a sense that
the call is important)
... Will the party talk to
someone else, or do you want to --

McGarrett enters from outer hallway, and approaches.

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SECRETARY (CONT'D)
-- just a minute, he's coming
now.
(to McGarrett)
C.I.D., Hong Kong. Priority
call.

McGarrett goes swiftly into his office. Danny and Chin Ho follow.

134. INT. MCGARRETT'S OFFICE - DAY

134.

McGarrett enters, and goes for his phone. Danny and Chin Ho stand in b.g. near door.

McGARRETT
(into phone)
McGarrett.

135. INT. BLAKE'S OFFICE - HONG KONG - NIGHT

135.

BLAKE
Blake here! And it's bloody
three in the morning. And I'm
going to drop a bomb in your lap,
McGarrett.

INTERCUT MCGARRETT

135.

MCGARRETT
My lap is used to it. Let
'er go.

BLAKE
We've picked up a floater in
Victoria Harbor, and we've just
made an ID positive.

ANGLE DOWN to police photos of corpse on his desk.
Only the face is visible. It is a middle-aged
Oriental with a small goatee.

BLAKE (CONT'D)
He's T.L. Soong. The real
Professor T.L. Soong, and he's
dead, McGarrett. Dead as the
Wall of China.

136. ZOOM SHOT - MCGARRETT

136.

FREEZE FRAME:

END ACT THREE