

# JAWS

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OVER BLACK

Sounds of the innerspaces rushing forward.

Then a splinter of blue light in the center of the picture.

It breaks wide, showing the top and bottom a silhouetted curtain of razor sharp teeth suggesting that we are inside of a tremendous gullet, looking out at the onrushing undersea world at night. HEAR a symphony of underwater sounds: landslide, metabolic sounds, the rare and secret noises that certain undersea species share with each other. Also, the hint of familiar music, twisted and distorted by the depths.

CUT TO:

EXT. BEACH , NIGHT , SHARK'S POINT OF VIEW , RISING OUT OF THE WATER, LOOKING AT

It is a pleasant, moonlit, windless night in mid-June. We see a long straight stretch of white beach. Behind the low dunes are the dark shapes of large expensive houses. Hear a number of voices singing. It sounds like an eastern university's alma mater, no longer distorted.

EXT. BEACH , NIGHT , ANOTHER ANGLE

Around a blazing bonfire, a group of young men and women, beer cans (or maybe a keg) in evidence, as well as the bota Spanish leather wine-bag much in favor by beach and ski-bum types.

The group is swapping sentimental alma maters, weepily singing eastern Ivy League anthems -, Dartmouth, Cornell, Harvard, Penn, etc. Two young people break away from the others. They

are Tom Cassidy and Chrissie. Behind them, there is considerable necking activity; Tom and Chrissie are more serious.

Tom makes a clumsy attempt at snaring Chrissie, cups her from behind. She squirms playfully out of his grasp. We discover he's not especially sober.

TOM

Hey! Hey hey! I'm with you, right?

EXT. ANOTHER PART OF THE BEACH , NIGHT

Tom and Chrissie are separated from the others, silhouetted against the fire, she pauses and looks at the ocean, he is plodding along in the sand, winded.

Chrissie runs down the slope of the dune towards the water, leaving Tom reeling atop the dune. As she runs, she is shedding her clothes. Tom is trying to trail her by her clothes, like Hansel following bread crumbs through the woods.

But Chrissie is way ahead of him.

CHRISSIE

C'mon!

She runs headlong into the inviting sea, plunges cleanly into the water with a light "Whoops!" as the cold water sweeps over her.

Behind all this, we continue to hear the sentimental, beery chorus of alma maters.

Then we see it -- a gentle bulge in the water, a ripple that passes her a dozen feet away. A pressure wave lifts her up, then eases her down again, like a smooth, sudden swell.

CHRISSIE (CONT'D)

Tommy? Don't dunk me...

She looks around for him, finds him still on the beach, his feet tangled in his pants, which have dropped around his ankles. She starts to swim back in to him.

EXT. CHRISSIE IN THE WATER

Her expression freezes. The water-bulge is racing towards her. The first bump jolts her upright, out of the water to her hips. She reaches under water to touch her leg. Whatever she feels makes her open her mouth to scream, but she is slammed again, hard, whipped into an arc of about eight feet, up and down, submerging her down to her open mouth, choking off any scream she might try to make. Another jolt to her body, driving her under so that only her hair swirls on the surface. Then it too is sucked below in a final and terrible jerking motion. HOLD on the eddies and swirls until we're sure it's all over.

EXT. CLOSE ON TOM ON BEACH

In his shorts, laughing to himself, turning in slow stoned circles, held prisoner by his windbreaker which seems to have him in an armlock, as he struggles to free his arm from a tight sleeve. As he turns, we hear the alma maters in the background, from the fire.

INT. BRODY HOUSE - BEDROOM - EARLY MORNING

A shaft of morning sun blasts through the crack between the bottom of the shade and the windowsill, falling across the heads of the sleeping couple on the bed. It catches Martin Brody right across the eyes, bringing him up from sleep. The job is completed by the clock radio, which clicks on with local fisherman's report and weather.

RADIO ANNOUNCER (V.O.)  
 Hayes Landing reports conditions good, with stripers and jacks. The Coast Guard has no storm warning from Block Island to Cape Hatteras; a light chop with freshening winds, continued clear and mild... (etc.)

Ellen Brody burrows her head under the covers, avoiding morning for a few precious minutes more.

BRODY  
 How come the sun didn't used to shine in here?

ELLEN  
 'cause when we bought the house it was Autumn. This is summer. Feed the dogs.

We hear the scampering toenails of two cocker spaniels scrabbling around the foot of the bed. Brody swings out of bed, wearing shorts, socks, and tee shirt.

BRODY  
 Right.

ELLEN  
 Do you see the kids?

BRODY  
 Probably out in the back yard.

ELLEN  
 In Amity, you say 'Yahd.'  
 (she gives it the Boston sound)

BRODY

The kids are in the yahd, playing  
near the cah. How's that sound?

ELLEN

Like you're from N'Yawk.  
(gives it Brooklyn sound)

BRODY

Give me 30 years, I'll get it.

He leads the dogs out of the bedroom and down to the  
kitchen.

INT. BRODY KITCHEN - MORNING

Brody enters, sets down some dog food, goes to make coffee,  
starts to fill kettle to boil water, the cold water rushes  
through and out the burnt-out bottom of the kettle.

BRODY

Did you burn another kettle? Y'know  
you're a fire hazard? This is the  
third one!

ELLEN (O.S.)

I never hear the whistle.

BRODY

Feed the dogs.

Ellen Brody, a tall, attractive blonde woman, enters from  
upstairs. She's still slightly sleepy, not what you'd call  
an "Instant-On" person. Mornings are not her best time.

ELLEN

You want to go through those?  
(she indicates bag of  
clothes)  
I'm taking them to the Thrift Shop.  
It's Marcia Vaughn's pet charity.  
Pick out what you want to keep --  
it's mostly your city clothes.

BRODY

(looking through bag,  
remembering)  
I used to wear this to the Garden.  
Garbage strikes. Dog shit. Muggers.  
(he puts it all behind)  
Ship it.

ELLEN

Don't be silly -, You're going to  
make summer better for them...

Before Brody can answer, Michael, his oldest boy, enters, holding his hand. There is bright new blood on it, but he is sensibly unconcerned. It's a normal childhood scrape.

MICHAEL

Cut my hand. Hit by a vampire.

BRODY

On the swing? I told you not to  
play near there until I sanded it  
down.

(to Ellen)

See what your son did?

ELLEN

Go upstairs and bring Mommy a band-  
aid.

Michael goes on out and upstairs. Ellen fumbles in her pocket and produces Brody's new glasses, which she holds out to him.

ELLEN (CONT'D)

Don't forget these.

BRODY

Oh, yeah.

(he puts them on)

How do I look? Older, huh?

ELLEN

I think they make you look sexy.

Brody reacts to this, and bends to kiss her lightly. Then more seriously.

BRODY

Sexy, hm? What was I before?

ELLEN

Older, sillier.

BRODY

(as he goes to make  
coffee, he fumbles with  
the new glasses)

I don't want to depend on these  
things, y'know -, sometimes you can  
weaken your eyes.

He looks out the window to the view beyond, discovering some new wonder in the fresh sunlit morning.

BRODY'S POINT OF VIEW , OUTSIDE THE HOUSE

Sean, the younger child, is happily romping in the summer air, enjoying the very air he breathes.

BRODY  
Let's see...

The phone rings.

INT. BRODY KITCHEN , DAY

Brody answers one of two phones on the wall.

BRODY  
Brody... yeah, what's up... mmm...  
Well, what do they usually do,  
float or wash up? Really?... okay,  
I'll meet both of you at the beach  
in  
(checks watch)  
...20 minutes, okay? Okay.  
(hangs up)  
First goddamn weekend of the  
summer.

Michael reenters in bathing trunks, with a towel on his shoulder, his hand washed, holding a band-aid ready for application. Ellen takes it, and bandages the finger with care and affection.

ELLEN  
There.  
(to Brody)  
What was that?

Michael heads toward the beach.

BRODY  
(struggling to get his  
shirt on over his  
glasses)  
The office.

He gets his shirt on with Ellen's help. She flicks imaginary dust from the badge on his chest.

ELLEN  
Be careful.

BRODY  
Here? You gotta be kiddin'.

He gives her a light kiss, starts to go, with his cup.

BRODY (CONT'D)  
Love ya.

ELLEN  
(kissing him back)  
Hey Chief. Bring my cup back.

At the door, he takes a windbreaker off a peg and goes on out.

We can see the Amity Police shoulder patch as he goes to a van parked outside.

EXT. ISLAND HIGHWAY - MORNING

Martin Brody's Country Squire police wagon rushes past, taking the view to an enormous billboard depicting a typical summer day in Amity. A beautiful model splashes in the gold surf, languishing in a Solarcaine sun. AMITY WELCOMES YOU is written above her flailing arms.

EXT. AMITY BEACH - DAY

Three small figures in the landscape, walking the beach. The surf is rough and there is sea-floor debris strewn about from the receding tide.

CLOSER ANGLE  
Deputy Hendricks is searching the shore about one hundred yards down wind. Meanwhile, Brody, in his casual police attire, and Tom Cassidy, still in the clothing we saw him in last night, walk down the beach. Brody fingers the missing girl's shoes, purse and clothes. In the daylight, Cassidy misconducts himself, wavering between inflated maturity and tear-blown adolescence.

BRODY  
Christine what?

CASSIDY  
Worthingsly... Worthington -- no one ever died on me before.

BRODY

You picked her up on the ferry.

CASSIDY

I didn't know her.

BRODY

And nobody else saw her in the water?

CASSIDY

Somebody could've -- I was sort of passed out.

BRODY

Think she might've run out on you?

CASSIDY

Oh, no, sir. I've never had a woman do that. I'm sure she drowned.

BRODY

You from around here?

CASSIDY

No. Cambridge. Harvard. My family's in Tuxedo, New York, though.

BRODY

You here for the summer?

CASSIDY

Some friends and me took a house.

BRODY

(genuinely curious)

What d'you pay for a place just for the summer?

CASSIDY

A thousand apiece, something like that. There's five of us. And we each kick in a hundred a week for beer and cleaning, stuff like that.

BRODY

Pretty stiff.

A shrill whistle makes them turn. Hendricks is fifty yards away, on his knees. He blows again, a feeble report this time.

BRODY (CONT'D)

Maybe that's your girl.

Brody runs toward Hendricks, Cassidy hesitates, then follows with:

CASSIDY  
(pathetically)  
You can't make me look -- !

MASTER ANGLE - THE SAND DUNE

A skein of seaweed garnishes the base of this isolated dune. The booming waves and fizzing surf make dialogue inaudible.

Deputy Hendricks on hands and knees, looking white as a sheet. Brody tells Cassidy to wait at the foot of the dune, and ventures up. Hendricks stops him with a wave-off, saying something at the same time. Brody nods understanding and steps up cautiously and looks down. He adjusts his glasses, trying to make sense of what he is looking at.

Whatever he sees has a marked effect on his entire physique.

Kicking out with his foot, Brody sends dozens of angry horseshoe crabs into an escape frenzy and they boil over the top of the dune and down its slopes.

Cassidy takes a few uneasy steps backwards when Brody waves him over. He shakes his head. An awkward moment. Then Cassidy shuffles forward and up the few remaining feet, his eyes looking everywhere but down. Brody says something else and Cassidy shakes his head again, eyes out at sea. Brody puts his hand gently around the quaking man's shoulder.

Nodding, he starts to look down, an inch at a time. He looks.

He, too, can't make out what it is at first. Then he understands.

The jolt that assaults Cassidy is not unexpected. He falls backward in a sitting position as though shot. Nods yes -- it's her. Brody turns and slides off the dune, stumbling close. Hear his breathing. He looks around, envisioning the week ahead of him....

QUICK SHARP CUT

Chrissie's remains, incomplete from the chest down, horribly bitten. (NOTE: See Hooper's dialog in Sc. 91 for complete description of corpse.)

INT. BRODY'S OFFICE - DAY

Brody walks through the door and enters his office, holding a fizzing glass of Alka-Seltzer. Polly, his sixty-one year old secretary follows close on his heels with her shorthand pad of messages and reminders.

In the outer office, Hendricks and Cassidy slump into chairs, sipping from fizzing dixie cups.

Brody dips into file drawers for the appropriate forms. He gently turns on Polly, who is behind him.

BRODY

If this is going to work, you've got to keep current stuff out here, and put 'closed' files in there. The 'Pendings' stay on my desk, okay?

Brody slips behind his typewriter, putting paper in the machine with the effortless ease of years of practice. He's obviously no stranger to paperwork. He touch types, hardly ever looking down, checking his notes and listening with one ear to Polly.

He is affected by what he's seen, but there's work to be done.

POLLY

This is in no order of importance, Chief: There's a meeting on the Amity Town Council on Aging this Monday night, Bentoncourt Hall. The Fire Inspector wants you to go over the fireworks site with him before he catches the one o'clock ferry. Mainly, you have a batch of calls about that new Karate school.

CLOSE - ACCIDENT REPORT

Brody has just typed the girl's name. He skips the space for Cause-of-Death, and just under it types the Next-of-Kin information he has collected from her wallet.

POLLY

Searle's Rent-a-Bike, the Rainy Ale, Tisberry's Hardware... they say it's those nine-year-olds from the school practicing karate on all those nice picket fences.

The phone rings and Polly picks it up.

POLLY (CONT'D)  
It's the Coroner. Somebody pass  
away in the night?

Brody nestles the phone between ear and collar, listening,  
as he turns to the typewriter.

BRODY  
Jesus, Santos.

INSERT - ACCIDENT REPORT

Cause-of-Death line rolls into place. The hammers punch out:

SHARK ATTACK.

BRODY  
leans forward, staring at what he  
just wrote. Polly cocks her head  
and removes the phone from his ear.

POLLY  
What's the matter?

Brody takes a breath. A new resolve comes over him.

BRODY  
Polly, I want to know what water  
recreation is on for today.

POLLY  
Right this minute?

Brody gets up and moves hastily toward the door.

BRODY'S OUTER OFFICE

Cassidy and Hendricks look up as Brody enters.

BRODY  
(To Hendricks)  
Where'd you hide the 'Beach Closed'  
signs?

HENDRICKS  
We never had any. What's the  
problem?

A local merchant comes through the door.

LOCAL MERCHANT  
Glad I caught you. There's a city  
truck with New Hampshire plates  
parked right in front of my...

Brody pushes past him and out the door.

EXT. AMITY MAIN STREET , DAY

In the busy center of a town preparing for the big Fourth of July weekend, Brody wends his way around sidewalk activity, purpose and haste in each stride. As he turns a corner a little man in a white smock emerges from the Funeral Parlor.

This is Carl Santos, Amity's part-time coroner. Santos looks both ways before crossing Colonial Drive.

Brody passes Keisel's Bicycle Rental, navigating an awkward course through an odd assortment of Schwinns that line the sidewalk in front of a demolished white picket fence. Keisel intercepts Brody on the run.

KEISEL  
 (he stares at Brody's  
 face)  
 Wait-a-minute.  
 (stares some more)  
 Glasses, right?

Brody nods yes, and starts to move away, but Keisel holds on to him.

KEISEL (CONT'D)  
 Look at those fences! Little guys  
 about eight to ten years old. And  
 look at this!

He holds up bicycle. The bicycle's spokes are bent and broken from some sort of blows.

KEISEL (CONT'D)  
 They did that with their bare  
 hands.

BRODY  
 Call me later in the day, okay,  
 Harry?

ANGLE - AMITY GAZETTE NEWSPAPER OFFICE - PORCH

Santos emerges with Ben Meadows, the stylish, late-thirties editor of the Amity Gazette. Together they cut a beeline for the other side of the street.

ANGLE - AMITY STREET

Past taverns and chowder shacks, past bleacher construction and July Fourth posters, Brody enters Hardware and Sporting Goods...

so overstocked that beach umbrellas, aluminum deck chairs, and rainbow beach towels splash a surplus of color from the display window to the sidewalk.

INT. HARDWARE STORE , DAY

The store proprietor is busy at work on an inventory list with a mainland delivery man.

LYNWOOD

Stuff's no good to me in August  
when the Pilgrims come in June...

(to Brody)

Go on and help yourself to whatever  
you need, Chief. Can you work the  
register?

EXT. HARDWARE STORE AND STREET - DAY

Brody emerges with enough poster-board, wooden stakes, nails, paint, and brushes to close every beach on the island. He starts back the way he came when Hendricks shoots up the street in the patrol jeep. He stops fast enough to call attention, leans out the window.

HENDRICKS

Polly told me to tell you there's a  
scout troop in Avril Bay doing the  
mile swim for their Merit Badges. I  
couldn't call them in, there's no  
phone out there.

BRODY

(hands him the sign  
material)

Get out of there , take these back  
to the office and make up some  
'Beach Closed' signs, and let Polly  
do the printing.

HENDRICKS

What's the matter with my printing?

EXT. VAUGHN'S REALTY , DAY

Revealing Larry Vaughn, the Mayor of Amity, exchanging anxieties with Ben Meadows and Coroner Santos and two other city Selectmen. They come out in a group, reach the sunlight, and squint down the street as Brody careens around the corner and out of sight. Deputy Hendricks, laden with his arts and crafts, passes them on the street front.

VAUGHN

What have you got there, Lenny?

HENDRICKS

We had a shark attack at South Chop this morning, Mayor. Fatal. Gotta batten down the beach.

Vaughn and group exchange horrified looks, but we get the impression it is not in response to the shark-attack news.

VAUGHN

Who've you told this to, Lenny?

HENDRICKS

I just found out about it -- but there's a bunch of Boy Scouts in the water a coupla miles down the coast from where we found the girl. Avril Bay, thereabouts. Chief went to dry them off.

VAUGHN

(to Meadows)

Take my car, okay?

(to Hendricks)

You come with us, Lenny.

HENDRICKS

I've got all these signs here...

VAUGHN

C'mon, it'll give us time to think about what they're going to say.

They all crowd into a Cadillac El Dorado with Vaughn Realty signs on the doors.

EXT. AVRIL BAY - DAY

A flotilla of twenty exhausted Boy Scouts round a buoy that marks the official course. A rowboat with Scoutmaster using a bullhorn keeps pace, and urges the boys on.

SCOUTMASTER

(bullhorn effect)

Let's go, Robbie. You too, Hofner.

Boyle, keep your head up. Alberts, keep kicking...

(etc., ad lib)

EXT. ON THE BEACH AT AVRIL BAY - DAY

Two older Seascouts look on with stop watches and clipboards, while some Parents shade their eyes from the sun, watching their offspring. Brody pulls up in the Amity Police jeep, and starts toward the people.

Behind him, Vaughn's Cadillac pulls up and skids to a stop. In it are Vaughn, Meadows, the Doctor, maybe a Selectman, and Hendricks, with his arms still full of sign material. Vaughn intercepts Brody, the others circle around him, effectively slowing his progress through the sand to the scouts.

VAUGHN

Martin!

(he catches up with him)

Are you going to shut down the beach on your own authority?

BRODY

Do I need any more authority?

MEADOWS

Technically, you need the instruction of a civic ordinance, or a special meeting of the town selectmen...

VAUGHN

(the good guy)

That's just going by the book. We're just a little anxious that you're rushing into something serious here. This is your first summer.

BRODY

Now tell me something I don't know.

VAUGHN

All I'm saying is that Amity is a summer town -- we need summer dollars, and if they can't swim here, they'll use the beaches at Cape Cod, or Long Island.

BRODY

So we should set out a smorgasbord?

MEADOWS

We're not even sure what it was.

BRODY

What else could've done that?

VAUGHN

(to Doctor)

Boat propeller?

DOCTOR

I think, possibly... sure. A boating accident.

VAUGHN

Some weekend tramp accidentally goes swimming too far, she's a little drunk, a fishing boat comes along --

MEADOWS

Remember when Fred Ganz went scalloping in his BVD's? He was going to swim to New Bedford, he said.

The men all laugh, ad lib their remembrances of this foolishness.

MEADOWS (CONT'D)

...and Bill Mayhew almost caught him in his net...?

BRODY

(interrupting the merriment)

Doctor, you're the one who told me what it was!

DOCTOR

I was wrong. We'll have to amend the report.

MEADOWS

We never had that kind of trouble here.

VAUGHN

I don't think you can appreciate the gut reaction people have to these things.

BRODY

I was only reacting to what I was told.

Brody looks out to the water where the scouts are rounding another buoy on the home stretch.

VAUGHN

(taking Brody aside)

It's all psychological, anyway. You yell 'Barracuda' and everyone says 'huh'.

(MORE)

VAUGHN (CONT'D)  
 You yell 'Shark' and we've got a  
 panic on our hands. I think we all  
 agree we don't need a panic this  
 close to the 4th of July.

Vaughn indicates the beach where the Scouts are flopping out  
 onto the sand, exhausted, glad to be finished.

BRODY  
 I can't work in a vacuum. Why don't  
 you make Hendricks Chief? His  
 family's been here since the  
 Puritans -- half this island are  
 his cousins.

VAUGHN  
 Martin, we hired the best man we  
 could find.

All ad lib agreement.

VAUGHN (CONT'D)  
 We need someone who isn't  
 prejudiced by old feuds or family  
 ties, someone who can referee  
 things.

MEADOWS  
 You have our complete support.

VAUGHN  
 Now then. We've got a vandalism  
 problem we ought to talk about...

The others surround Brody as Vaughn leads the way back to  
 the cars, ad libbing their problem with the little karate  
 choppers.

Hendricks puts the signs back into the trunk of Vaughn's  
 Cadillac. Vaughn waves casually to the Scouts and swimmers  
 who are vigorously toweling off in the background.

EXT. AMITY STREET - DAY

In front of Amity's only Music Store, a battered old pick-up  
 truck pulls in to the curb. Quint and his mate cross  
 silently heading into the music store.

INT. AMITY MUSIC STORE - DAY

A gently tinkling bell tolls Quint's entrance. Inside the  
 store, a ten-year-old boy is being shown a clarinet.

He is playing a mellow low tone, and running "Ode to Joy." Quint looms past him like Neptune rising from the deep, and lets his hand drop on the counter with a slap that sounds like a club on flesh. The Shopkeeper abandons the little boy and meets Quint.

SHOPKEEPER

Hello, Mr. Quint.

QUINT

Four spools of Number 12 piano wire, Okay? I ordered them.

SHOPKEEPER

(finding them under the counter)

Yessir, right here. What do those fish do, eat this stuff?

QUINT

They choke on it.

Without waiting for it to be wrapped, he picks up the gleaming wire in his gnarled fist, and drops a bill on the counter.

SHOPKEEPER

Bye now.

No answer from Quint, who stops and sings along with the boy.

The little kid's music degenerates into a series of awkward squeaks and blurps, as Quint stares at him. Quint continues out the door, threading his way through the people in the street like some great fish. As he gets up into the cab of his pick-up, its door swings open so we can see a crude stylized shark decorating its side. It slams behind him as Quint gets in and drives away.

EXT. AMITY BEACH - DAY

A plump jelly-bowl of a woman plunges into the ocean. There's enough there to satisfy the most gluttonous shark. Buoyant, joyful, she splashes away in abandon. From her, we pan off to reveal other cheerful bathers enjoying that last uncluttered weekend before the season starts in earnest.

ANGLE ON THE WATERLINE

A Man and his dog are romping at the water's edge. The Man is throwing a stick out into the surf, the dog, a happy retriever, is bounding into the waves after it.

## TWO YOUNG PEOPLE ON THE BEACH

A Girl and her Boyfriend leave their blanket and run for the water, playing tag, chasing each other, having a wonderful time.

## ANGLE ON BIRTHDAY PARTY ON THE SAND - MARTIN AND ELLEN BRODY

He is sitting stiffly in a beach chair, scanning the beach with careful, cautious looks, eyeballing everything that's going on.

Around their particular blanket and umbrella are a number of adults and their kids, the youngsters gathered to celebrate Michael's birthday. Ellen is dishing out ice cream and cake from a cooler chest to the raucous 10-year-olds. Michael's hand is still bandaged.

MAX TAFT

(an adult)

Looks like another big season. Gets worse every year.

MRS. TAFT

And none of them from the Island.  
Just a lot of bother.

Brody (and we) hear a shrill scream from the water. He stretches to look past the group, to see what's happening out there.

## BRODY'S POINT OF VIEW - THE WATER

The young lady is disappearing under the water, pulled under the waves by some force. She is shrieking. She pops right up again riding the shoulders of her boyfriend, who pulled her under. She's laughing hysterically. Brody is unamused.

## THE ADULTS

BRODY

(to Taft)

What?

TAFT

Present company excepted, but off-islanders are a pain in the butt.  
Pardon my French.

Ellen captures Sean, and holds him playfully, an example.

ELLEN

What about this kid? What if he were born here. That make him an islander?

TAFT

Just 'cause a cat has kittens in an oven, it don't make them muffins.

SEAN

I'm not a muffin! I'm a boy!

Brody rumples his hair and sets him off to play.

ANGLE ON ANOTHER SMALL BOY, PLAYING ALONE

It's Alex Kintner, and his mother, nearby, reading a novel.

Alex is towing a funny rubber raft, and headed for the water.

MRS. KINTNER

Alex! Alex Kintner! Where do you think you're going?

ALEX

Water. Just once more, please?

MRS. KINTNER

Let me see your fingers --

He holds out his hands.

MRS. KINTNER (CONT'D)

They're beginning to prune. 10 minutes more.

Alex starts for the ocean. Behind him, Michael and his gang are also heading for the inviting waves. Brody is watching them go, his spine rigid with tension.

MAN AND HIS DOG

As Alex and the boys hit the water, we see the man throwing his stick into the waves, his dog swimming strongly after it.

BRODY'S POINT OF VIEW

Out beyond the kids and the dog, the Fat Lady is bobbing around, out way too far, isolated from the other swimmers.

## UNDERWATER VIEW - EXT. - DAY

A fish's-eye view of the bathers: lots of little kicking legs, rafts with tasty arms dangling in the blue, slowing circling, favoring one raft (little Alex's). The Kintner boy's legs and arms are kicking and paddling, producing bizarre underwater vibrations of more than passing interest. Dog goes by, dog-paddling along.

## ON THE BEACH

Brody is half-rising, looking out over the water. The Fat Lady is not where he remembered her. He scans the water anxiously.

## ELLEN

Do you want the boys to come in?  
Honey, if you're worried...

A Black Object swims across the water. It's the dog, breasting against the surf.

## ANGLE ON THE WATER - BRODY'S POINT OF VIEW

It's the Fat Lady, floating, relaxing. A black object swims up to her. It's not the dog. It rears up out of the water.

It's a man in a black bathing cap. They exchange distant pleasantries, he strokes away.

## ANOTHER ANGLE - WATER

Alex Kintner, paddling around, making boat sounds, tooting, going "vroom, vroom."

## ANGLE ON THE BOY AND GIRL

They kiss, embrace, kiss again. Strong stuff. They sink beneath the waves, knotted in an embrace.

## ANGLE ON MICHAEL BRODY AND HIS FRIENDS

He's trying to salvage a soggy piece of birthday cake, holding it above the water, paddling with his other hand. The bandage has come part way loose, and his cut is trailing in the water.

## BRODY AND ELLEN ON THE BEACH

Ellen is rubbing suntan oil on his back, and he is allowing himself to relax part way. His eyes still nervously scan the beach in a constant surveillance. Mr. Keisel is coming out of the water, toweling off vigorously, exclaiming to himself.

BRODY  
 (to Keisel)  
 How's the water?

KEISEL  
 Too cold. I'm going in again Labor Day. Hope we get this weather next weekend.

ELLEN  
 You're very tight, y'know?  
 (digs in)  
 Right there.

BRODY  
 Ow.  
 (he sees something)  
 He's gotta be more careful in the water...

#### ANGLE ON THE GANG PLAYING IN THE WATER

Michael has just been drenched. He splashes back. A big waterfight ensues, the boys splashing and chopping at the water, shouting battle cries and karate whoops. Alex is paddling around near them, but not involved with them.

#### ALONG THE WATERLINE ON THE BEACH

The Man with the Dog is whistling into the ocean, looking for his dog.

DOG MAN  
 Buster! Hey, Buster! Here boy!  
 (whistles)  
 He continues to ad lib calling his dog, but there's no answer, no dog in the water.

THE WATERFRONT  
 A huge splash explodes in the water near the gang, an eruption of foam and spray that stops everyone cold for a moment. They stop to see who was responsible.

A KID (MATHEW)  
 Hey, no fair splashing in the eyes!

Before anyone can answer, another kid (P.J.) renews the battle, whooping a karate cry, and slashing at the water with his hand like a little kung-fu warrior, advancing through the waves.

CLOSE ON MATHEW, SPLASHING BACK

He hits the water, which sprays up suspiciously pink. He stares at it, surprised.

CLOSE ON P.J.

His hands are dripping deep pink, the red matting his hair, running into his eyes. He looks down. The boys are surrounded with a deep pink slick, their little bodies ringed by a spreading stain of blood.

ANGLE ON SHORE, A TOURIST AND HIS WIFE

He's pointing frantically out to sea.

TOURIST

Something in the water. Right there! Didn't anyone see it?

WOMAN

There's blood in the water.

ANGLE ON BRODY

He leaps to his feet, nearly knocking Ellen over, and starts for the water.

ELLEN

What is it...?

Brody is pelting towards the water. He kicks sand over an annoyed Mrs. Kintner, who looks up, just in time to hear Brody's bellow.

BRODY

Michael! Sean! Out of the water.  
Everybody out of the water!  
Michael! Get out!

His urgency communicates itself to the others. Ellen snatches Sean up from where he's been playing in the sand. Other parents are calling their kids, hysteria mounting. People rush into the water, dragging their children and families bodily out of the ocean. The first kids coming out of the surf are frantically trying to wash the sticky blood off their bodies. The sight of the red sends the beach into a full panic.

CLOSE ON BRODY

He rushes into the water, up to his ankles, and suddenly stops, unable to move into deeper water.

He is urging Michael out, holding his hands out to his son, who is slogging through the surf towards his dad. He stands there immobilized by the water, nervously helping people out of it onto the beach.

ANGLE ON MICHAEL

As he emerges from the water, Alex Kintner's raft washes in behind him, ripped in half, the water pink, the foam spreading the stain onto the sand as the wave breaks.

ANGLE ON MRS. KINTNER

Her voice rising into panic and hysteria with each unanswered cry.

MRS. KINTNER  
Alex! Alex? Alex...!

EXT - THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE AND COUNTY OFFICES - DAY

We are looking at the closed double white front doors of the building, through which we can hear a rolling boil of agitated conversation. After a beat, they open to reveal Mrs. Kintner, looking as though she has been visited by the wrath of God; in effect, she has. Her eyes are puffy and swollen from weeping, her clothing is put on and fastened awkwardly, her gait is not normal. As she walks toward us, Quint enters with his back to us, they pass without notice; Mrs. Kintner moving out of sight, Quint leading us through the doors into the town hall.

INT. COUNTY COURTHOUSE - DAY

A crowd of angry men and women throng the central hallway, their voices a babble of confusion. Many of them are gathered around a roughly lettered notice that has been posted on the town's official bulletin board. It reads.

"A \$3000 BOUNTY TO THE MAN OR MEN WHO CATCH AND KILL THE SHARK THAT KILLED ALEX M. KINTNER ON SUNDAY, JUNE 29, ON THE AMITY TOWN BEACH."

Vaughn and Brody are on the outskirts of the crowd, which includes Meadows, some selectmen, and others.

BRODY  
Look, I've got to talk to her. This isn't a contest we want the whole country entering.

MEADOWS

I agree. If she's going to advertise, I wouldn't recommend out-of-town papers. Amity people could take care of this.

BRODY

I'm responsible for public safety around here...

VAUGHN

Then go out tomorrow and make sure no one gets hurt.

(addressing the crowd)

Everybody, could I have your attention? Since this affects all of us, I suggest we move into council chambers, where there's more room...

There is a flurry and a bustle as everyone rearranges themselves and makes their way into the Amity Selectmen's Council Chambers.

INT. COUNCIL CHAMBER - DAY

The crowd is thronging into the large room. Already in the room is a solitary figure, standing all the way in the rear, watching everyone as they enter. Against the back wall is a large blackboard used for town business during meetings.

VAUGHN

Well, here we all are; anyone have any special questions?

DENHERDER

Is that \$3000 bounty on the shark in cash or check?

(laughter from all)

VAUGHN

That's private business between you brave fishermen and Mrs. Kintner.

(to Brody)

-- Chief --

BRODY

(stepping in)

I'd like to tell you what we're doing so far. These are some of the steps I've taken as Chief of Police...

MEADOWS

(leading the direction of  
the discussion)

What's going on with the beaches,  
Chief?

All react.

BRODY

I'll get to that in a minute.  
First, I plan to start our seasonal  
summer help early, and to use shark  
spotters on beaches open to the  
sea. I'd like cooperation from  
local fishermen, and I've also  
contacted the Oceanographic  
Institute over on the mainland.

VAUGHN

(Interrupting -- sotto  
voice to Brody)

No need to involve outsiders in our  
business, Martin.

WOMAN

Are you going to close the beaches?

BRODY

Larry and I have also decided to  
close the beaches for a short time.

Pandemonium. A collective nerve has been touched.

VAUGHN

Only 24 hours!

BRODY

I didn't agree to that!

MRS. TAFT

That official business could take  
all summer!

MR. KEISEL

Maybe it's better to close.

Two opinions have been expressed, and the crowd takes sides  
vociferously, ad libbing assent or dissent depending on the  
point of view held forth.

## THOSE IN FAVOR

MR. WISEMAN

We should make sure there is no danger.

MR. HASSETT

I didn't raise my kids to be some fish's lunch!

## THOSE OPPOSED

MRS. TAFT

The motel is all I own -- you pull the plug on this town and I go down the drain with it.

MR. POSNER

Nobody's seen a shark.

MR. POLK

We'll lose business, we lose taxes, we lose our shirts!

## ANGLE ON QUINT, THE MAN IN THE BACK OF THE ROOM

He has just run his large, coarse fingernails over the blackboard. He is a large, rough man, a professional fisherman marked by daily physical toil, About 45 or 50, it's hard to tell where the scars leave off and the wrinkles begin. There is a bit of the showman in him, as well as a bit of killer-whale.

QUINT

(after taking a deep breath)

You all know me. You know what I do for a living. I'll go out and get this bird for you. He's a bad one and it's not like goin' down the pond chasing blue-gills and tommy-cods. This is a fish that can swallow a man whole. A little shakin', a little tenderizing and down ya' go.

(a look to Vaughn)

You gotta get this fellow and get him quick. If you do, it'll bring a lot of tourist business just to see him and you've got your business back on a paying basis.

(beat)

(MORE)

QUINT (CONT'D)  
 A shark of that size is no pleasure  
 and I value my neck at a hell of a  
 lot more'n 3,000 bucks.  
 (a deadly look)  
 I'll find him for three. But I'll  
 kill him for ten.

Crowd reaction.

QUINT (CONT'D)  
 (he rises up)  
 The bastard is costing you more'n  
 that every day. Do you wanna stay  
 alive and annee up the ten or play  
 it cheap and be on welfare next  
 winter.  
 (a final moment)  
 I'm gonna kill this thing... just a  
 matter of whether I do it now -- or  
 at the end of summer.

VAUGHN  
 Thank you very much, Mr. Quint, the  
 Selectmen will take your offer  
 under advisement

INT. BRODY'S STUDY AT HOME - SUNSET

A riffly blur, color alternating with black and white. The  
 dizziness stops on a book page showing a black and white  
 rendering of eight species of shark. The banner at the top  
 of the page reads: THE KNOWN AND REPUTED MANEATERS.

The riffling begins again, stops on a grizzly photograph of  
 scar tissue on six former shark victims. Riffling -- stop.

Photograph of five Ichthyologists posing on wooden stools,  
 framed by the enormous jaws of a prehistoric shark from the  
 family Carcharodon carcharias.

BRODY  
 his reading glasses reflecting a  
 stack of twelve library books, all  
 on the subject of sharks and shark  
 attacks. The door opens and Ellen  
 enters, quietly, in respect for  
 Brody's mood.

ELLEN  
 Can you stand something to eat?

BRODY  
 Love a cup of tea. With lemon.

Ellen walks past Brody to the window and looks out the window which overlooks the south bay. It is the hour of dusk.

ELLEN  
Mikey loves his birthday present.

BRODY  
Where is he?

ELLEN  
(with a slight laugh)  
He's sitting in it.

Brody gets up, concerned, and joins her at the window.

ELLEN (CONT'D)  
Honey. He has it tied up to the  
jetty with a double-knot.

BRODY'S POINT OF VIEW

Michael is sitting in the boat, but two of his young school chums are in the water, swimming around it. Brody opens the window and calls down:

BRODY  
Son! -- Out of the water now!

MICHAEL  
My boat's neat, dad!

BRODY  
(turning to Ellen)  
I want him out of the ocean.

ELLEN  
It's three feet deep, Martin

BRODY  
(angry now)  
Michael! Come inside!

ELLEN  
It's his birthday present, and you  
closed the beach, Honey. I told him  
not to go in the water after what  
happened yesterday. I don't believe  
he'll ever do it again.

BRODY

I told him not to go out until he memorized the handbook and the safety safety regulations, until he was sure of himself...

Ellen's eyes drift down to the open book, which is displaying a reproduction of the famous painting "The Gulf Stream," showing a black fisherman in a small dinghy similar to Michael's being assaulted by the jaws of three man-eating sharks, circling his boat.

ELLEN

You heard your father! Out right now!

SUNSET ON THE BEACH

Hendricks and another deputy are assisting Brody. Silhouettes of townspeople look on like mourners at a funeral.

In the background some workmen are taking down the shutters from a quaint summer cottage. They pause to watch the declining moments of the day.

Three Selectmen also stand watching. One of them seems to be whispering bounty news to three youngish men on a nearby dune.

Sounds: Surf and hammering.

CUT TO:

EXT. OCEAN AND PIER - NIGHT

Selectman Denherder and his buddy, Charlie, a professional angler, row towards a tumble-down jetty that leads fifty feet out into the black water.

DENHERDER

You wanna call it a night after here?

CHARLIE

It's only two-thirty. What, are you tired?

DENHERDER

Yeah, Charlie, I got my second wind three nibbles back.

Denherder hefts a bloodstained laundry bag from the wheelbarrow, revealing about a hundred feet of coiled dog chain and a large patched inner tube. Charlie takes out a monster hook and together they push the wheelbarrow onto the rickety pier that is only about five feet across.

DENHERDER (CONT'D)  
 (reaching into the bag)  
 Leg of lamb this time?

CHARLIE  
 Screw lamb -- let's shoot the sirloin!

DENHERDER  
 (a hyena laugh)  
 We're blowin' half the bounty on bait --

The splintered pier sways to and fro as the men reach the end and start to work. Charlie baits the hook with a massive chunk of sirloin while Denherder secures the loose end of chain to a skinny piling. Charlie then fastens the inner tube to the chain five feet from the end of the hook.

DENHERDER (CONT'D)  
 One more after this, then I'm going home.

CHARLIE  
 Set?

Denherder tugs the chain against the piling to prove that it is. Charlie heaves the bait. Splash! The inner tube follows and both men eagerly watch as it floats seaward, the chain playing out from the wheelbarrow.

CHARLIE (CONT'D)  
 Tide's taking it right out.

Charlie lights his pipe and sits back against a piling. He turns on his transistor radio and loops one end around a fractured board. Denherder paces, bored to death.

DENHERDER  
 You do this all the time, right, Charlie?

CHARLIE  
 Twenty years.

DENHERDER  
 I can't believe that people pay money to go fishing.  
 (MORE)

DENHERDER (CONT'D)  
 This is really dumb. This isn't  
 even relaxing... it's just boring.

CLOSE - CHAIN IN WHEELBARROW

Suddenly zipping out, faster and faster, as both men  
 straighten.

Denherder is goggle-eyed.

DENHERDER  
 Hey! What's this?

The chain is coming out so fast that it begins to drag the  
 wheelbarrow to the end of the jetty. A section of chain  
 tangles around the handle and flips the entire machine into  
 the air. Both men watch dumbfounded as the inner tube,  
 racing out to sea in a wake of white water, suddenly dips  
 under.

CHARLIE  
 Look at him take it!

DENHERDER  
 Do I set the goddam hook?

CHARLIE  
 Let him do it! Go-go-go-go-go!

It is then that the chain whips taut against the narrow  
 pilings.

CLOSE - PILING

A lineup of five decrepit 2 x 4 inch pilings SNAP with a  
 resounding CRACK.

ANGLE - JETTY

The end of the jetty is yanked loose. Denherder is flipped  
 like a chip over the side and into the cold night water,  
 where he manages to snag hold of a splintered timber.

DENHERDER'S POINT OF VIEW

The severed section of jetty, a joined platform of  
 footboards, is being dragged seaward with Charlie sitting  
 dazed on top of it, his lit pipe still going.

DENHERDER  
 CHARLIE! JUMP!

Charlie rolls into the water, sputters, turns to watch the  
 flotilla of wood draw away.

CLOSE - CHARLIE

looking seaward.

CHARLIE'S POINT OF VIEW

The end of the jetty makes a 180-degree turn and heads back in his direction.

CHARLIE  
Holy Jesus Christ!

Denherder steps up on the broken-off piling just to be out of the water.

DENHERDER  
Get the hell out! Charlie! Swim!

Charlie, inhaling terror, trying to slog to shore. The jetty is getting closer. Suddenly, an enormous black fin breaks water like a periscope, making course corrections as it comes for Charlie.

Denherder jumps from piling to piling, almost losing his balance on his way to help Charlie. Charlie has reached the last pylon toward open sea, and his hands clamber for a hold. But --

INSERT - CHARLIE'S HANDS

The algae is too slippery, and his fingers keep sliding back.

That's when the fin behind him seems to reach up to the sky and Charlie manages, with Denherder's desperate help, to make it safely to shore. The remains of the pier float belly-up in the inlet.

CLOSE ON THE HARBORMASTER OF AMITY - DAY

He is sitting on a little canvas folding chair, eating a bowl of Cheerios with milk and sugar, watching a panorama of ineptitude and greed unfold before his old seaman's eyes.

The Amity Pier area is a minor madhouse: out-of-state cars elbow local vehicles for parking space at the foot of the dock, and a parade of bounty-hunting townspeople, islanders, off-islanders, tourist, and others shout and push their way onto the crowded pier, each carrying some bizarre or appropriate tool for the real or imagined capture of an unarmed shark of indeterminate size.

Rods and reels, drop lines, crossbows, slingshots, harpoons, shotguns, rifles, nets and tridents;

every fishing supply store and sporting goods house within a hundred miles has been cannibalized to equip this weird array.

ANGLE ON BRODY AND HENDRICKS ARRIVING ON THE SCENE

Not having room to bring their police vehicle anywhere near this mess, they are proceeding on foot into the confusion.

HENDRICKS

...So then Denherder and Charlie sat there trying to catch their breath, and figuring out how to explain to Charlie's wife what happened to her freezer full of meat.

BRODY

That wasn't funny.

Some of the locals greet Hendricks with occasional nods of recognition, or an ad libbed "Hi, Lenny," or "Hey, Lenny."

HENDRICKS

Mrs. Kintner must've put her ad in Field and Stream.

BRODY

Looks more like the readers of the National Enquirer.

ANGLE ON BOAT RENTAL - PIER

An argument is in progress between and Out-of-Towner and the Boat Rental Man.

OUT-OF-TOWNER

You're charging me double the usual rent! I didn't come up here all the way from New Rochelle to be gouged by some Yankee Cracker!

BOAT RENTAL MAN

Prices go up June First every year. You want a nice cheap, leaky boat, you go down to the Hamptons.  
(he sees Brody)  
Right, Chief?

ANGLE LOOKING OUT TO SEA

Making its way through the channel towards the dock is a sleek, expensive runabout with the name "Fascinatin' Rhythm" on the stern.

It's professionally handled, and rumbles in as it coasts in towards the dock area. Some other boats clear the way for it, zig-zagging in the harbor, causing an annoying chop.

CLOSE ON BOAT

Matt Hooper, a bearded, bespectacled young man with an intent look, is maneuvering the vessel peering through his windscreen at the ragtag collection of seafaring loonies all around him.

BACK TO  
DOCKSIDE

Hendricks is mediating the argument between the two men, and we can hear a plaintive "But Lenny," from the local as Brody sees something that makes him move towards the other side of the dock. We see him cross to a little boat built for two or three that is settling low in the water as a seventh man climbs in with his gear.

BRODY

Hey! You know how many men that's supposed to hold?

MAN IN BOAT (WALTER)

Whatever's safe, right?

BRODY

What you got ain't safe. You take some guys off or you don't go out.

BEN GARDNER AND HIS BOAT, FLICKA

Matt Hooper is gliding into the dockside, and Ben throws him a line to help make fast as he moors. It's a small island of courtesy in an otherwise discourteous mob. Hooper nods politely as he ties his boat up and steps onto the dock.

HOOPER

Hello.

GARDNER

Hello, back.

He's standing near where Brody is finishing after his encounter with the chummers.

Brody approaches Ben Gardner.

BRODY

You going out too, Ben?

GARDNER

Might give it a try. That three thousand bounty beats working for a living.

(yells to his Mate)

We ready?

The Mate nods "Yes" and starts to prepare to get under way.

Ben and his Mate move away from the dock, headed towards the channel and the open sea leaving Felix and Pratt to scamper around the dock looking for another ride.

ANOTHER DOCK AREA, CLOSE BY

A particularly awkward moment between a small sailboat and a couple of powerboats. The sailboat is trying to hoist sail to make it away from the pier under sail, a real yachtsman's conceit, since Hornblower himself probably couldn't navigate through this mess. Brody, a landlubber for sure, is trying to direct traffic to untangle this new mess.

BRODY

Just back up! No, the other way!  
Cut it to your left! Your other left! The big boat, your front end is out way too far. Little boat, stay still!

Amidst all this, we can hear the angry shouts of the entangled crews.

SKIPPER 1 (THE SAILBOAT)

Dammit, a vessel under sail has the right of way!

SKIPPER 2 (MOTORBOAT)

You schmuck, you ain't under sail, you're goddam drifting!

HOOPER

(stepping in to help)

Ahoy, sail! You got an oar? Well, scull it out!

SAILBOAT SKIPPER

Tell that stinkpotter to belay!

MOTORBOAT SKIPPER

Tell that ragsetter I'm going to poke him in the snoot!

HOOPER  
Just cast off in turn and make for  
the channel, OK?

BRODY  
Thanks.

Brody starts back towards the shore, Hooper is by his side.

HOOPER  
Excuse me, I wonder if you could  
tell me...

Before he can finish, Brody spots something on shore that  
moves him to shout to his deputy.

HOOPER (CONT'D)  
(noticing something)  
Is that dynamite?

Brody looks, and stops by a boat that's about to cast off.  
He holds out his hand.

BRODY  
If that's dynamite, give it here,  
or don't leave port.

MAN  
Aw, c'mon, it's just fireworks.  
Sharks like fireworks, it attracts  
them.

BRODY  
Hand it over.

The man passes Brody a cigar box filled with dynamite  
sticks.

Brody tucks the dynamite under his arm, and continues down  
the pier. Hooper is still with him.

All around them are two distinctly different breeds; the  
quiet pros, like Ben Gardner, in well-worn, comfortable  
clothes, with efficient, sensible gear, and the amateur  
crazies, with all manner of weapons and impractical, silly  
tourist clothing.

INT. DOCK SHED - DAY

Brody is on the phone, talking to his office, trying to get  
Hendricks' attention. He throws a handful of washers at the  
window.

HOOPER

There's a fantail launch out there that won't make it beyond the breakwater.

BRODY

You're tellin' me. I swear, this town has gone crazy.

HOOPER

Officer, I wonder if you could tell me where I could find Chief Brody?

BRODY

Who are you?

HOOPER

Hooper, Matt Hooper. From the Oceanographic Institute.  
(holds out his hand)

EXTERIOR - OCEAN - DAY

Ben Gardner's boat is in the lead with Gardner's shouting derisive comments at the crowd headed out from land. The armada is spread out and moving in a ragged circle, fifteen boats in all. One man heaves cherry bombs into the water. A smaller boat going in the opposite direction offers us Barwood, forking spaghetti leftovers into the ocean while his friend pours out a bottle of ketchup.

A speedboat chugs by, one of the occupants reading instructions aloud from a book entitled "Sharks - East Coast, Vol. I."

boatload of impoverished scallop fishermen throw a net overboard, full of gaps and split ends. The professionals look professional, but the landlubbers out for the \$3000 make it impossible for everybody. Collisions are barely averted.

THE RUBE GOLDBERG ERROR

The Out-of-Towner in a small boat is bent over in a life and death struggle, his rod in a tight arc. His buddy leaps across to lend a hand.

Twenty yards away in another boat the same struggle ensues.

This time it's the overloaded boat with the poor scallop fishermen. Shouts of I'M ON! DIG IN! STRIKE! Then a tangle of tackle springs from the water. They have hooked each other.

Joy turns to swearing. Arnold Felix stands up to applaud the mishap, while his buddy Pratt takes careful aim with his Remington 1100 12-gauge and blasts at the tackle as if it were a clay pigeon. The tangle explodes --

Both the Out-of-Towners and the Scallop Fisherman falls over backward --

ANGLE - HARRY'S BOAT

Three men are aboard, one holding a rod which holds a fast arc. A few yards off stern we see a triangular dorsal fin crossing back and forth, struggling, jerking, the mighty tail thrashing. One man is screaming success, the other two slapping the angler on the back.

CLOSE - PRATT AND FELIX

They spot it and sour.

PRATT

Well, get over there! He ain't caught it yet!

The owner of Pratt's boat throws it forward and Pratt removes a .45 automatic from the holster of his belt. He tests it, firing once in the air. As they near the scene of the struggle, eleven other boats begin converging, until --

HARRY'S BOAT

Everyone wants to get into the act.  
They are attacking the

thrashing beast with all they've got. Pratt uses his automatic, another blasts point blank with a shotgun. There are occasional water ricochets and the bounty hunters duck from time to time as bullets skip by. Finally, the shark stops thrashing.

FELIX AND PRATT

Their boat has moved close to the shark, closer than Harry's.

PRATT

(exultant)  
Hand me that pole! Quick!

One of his party in the over-filled boat grabs a gaff and leans out to grab the moribund shark. But Harry won't give up the line, still reeling in.

HARRY

Beat it! I hooked him!

PRATT  
How's the family, Harry?  
(to the man with gaff)  
Go on and do it!

MAN WITH GAFF  
We split down the middle?

Pratt nods reluctantly. The man swings, lodges the gaff and hauls the shark up onto the gunwale. A paroxysm of cheers from the surrounding boats. Smoke flares are fired into the air.

HARRY  
(a tug-of-war)  
Let go my shark!

It is a ten-foot tiger, and what a mess -- splattered with bullet punctures, gashes, bleeding from several orifices. But it is not dead -- it kicks back to life and threatens to capsize the boat. Pratt panics and fires six times with his .45. The bullets pierce the shark's head, pass through, and split the fiberglass hull through which a flood of water rises. Everybody stands up as the boat slips beneath them.

INT. MORGUE - DAY

The Amity Morgue is also the Amity Funeral Home, a Victorian house that normally serves as the community's mortuary. The Coroner, a professional small-town GP, is standing by as Hooper is speaking into a sophisticated cassette recorder with a headpiece that leaves his hands free for measurement with a calibrator or calipers.

BRODY  
Let's show Mr. Hooper our accident.

With a shrug, the Coroner slides open the drawer.

CLOSE ON HOOPER

He is looking down as the drawer slides past him, still matter-of-fact, turning on his recorder.

HOOPER  
Victim One, identified as Christine  
Watkins, female Caucasian...

The sheet has just been lifted, and Hooper stares down at the lump on the slab. He stops, turns off his recorder as emotions wage war with his senses. Rationality wins, and he turns on the recorder again.

HOOPER (CONT'D)

...height and weight may only be estimated from partial remains. Torso severed in mid-thorax, eviscerated with no major organs remaining. May I have a drink of water? Right arm severed above the elbow with massive tissue loss from upper musculature. Portions of denuded bone remaining.

(tense, to Brody)

-- did you notify the coast guard?

BRODY

No, it was local jurisdiction.

HOOPER

Left arm, head, shoulders, sternum and portions of ribcage intact.

(to Brody)

Please don't smoke. With minor post-mortem lacerations and abrasions. Bite marks indicate typical non-frenzy feeding pattern of large squali, possibly carchaninus lonimanus, or isurus glaucas. Gross tissue loss and post-mortem erosion of bite surfaces prevent detailed analysis; however, teeth and jaws of the attacking squali must be considered above average for these waters.

(to Brody again)

-- Did you go out in a boat and look around?

BRODY

No, we just checked the beach...

HOOPER

(turns off the recorder)

It wasn't an 'accident,' it wasn't a boat propeller, or a coral reef, or Jack the Ripper. It was a shark. It was a shark.

EXT. DOCK AREA - DAY

We open close on ugly, open shark's jaws, still oozing blood and gore. As the shark is hoisted up into the air on a gin-pole hoist dockside, Meadows is seen passing with his secretary and a photographer from the Amity Gazette.

A crowd of returning fishermen from the Armada and townspeople are gathering around the fish as it is hoisted tail-up into the classic sports fisherman's trophy shot.

MEADOWS

Ginny, get this out on the state wire to AP and UPI in Boston and New York. Have one of them pick it up for the national and call Dave Axelrod in New York and tell him this is from me and he owes me one... let's get a picture.

As he and the photographer turn to mob, we see Hooper and Brody arriving from the morgue. Hooper immediately heads towards the shark, while Brody pauses and we see a look of relief and delight cross his features.

HOOPER

Well, if one man can catch a fish in days, then I guess 50 of these bozos can catch a fish in one day -- beginner's luck.

BRODY

(crossing to men around shark)

You did it! Did Ben Gardner catch this?

Men ad lib "No, I caught it..." "I hooked him," etc.

MEADOWS

Okay, everybody, I want to get a picture for the paper -- could everyone clear out of the way?

He continues to call directions and move people out of the way to set up his shot. Hooper is measuring the shark.

MEADOWS (CONT'D)

Could you get out of the shot, young man?

HOOPER

Who, me? Okay...  
(he drifts off) The men  
(Felix, Pratt, et al) get  
Brody to join them in the  
shot.

(MORE)

HOOPER (CONT'D)

The whole town and the Armada fishermen all line up in a classic "high school" graduating class shot with the victorious fishermen kneeling in front, and the rest of the Armada and Townspeople arranged behind them. Hendricks hold up the "Beach Closed" sign in ironic victory.

ANGLE SHOWING VAUGHN APPROACHING THE DOCK

Brody spots the Mayor coming towards the dock, and detaches himself from the group to join him.

BRODY

Larry, if you'd see these clowns leave, you'd never believe they'd come back with anything. But they got him!

VAUGHN

That's good. That's real good. Ben Meadows getting pictures for the paper.

BRODY

Sure he is.

HOOPER AND THE FISHERMEN

The men who landed the monster are in a tight cluster, debating something with Hooper, who is dwarfed by the big beer bellies and ham-fisted hands all around him. It's probable we don't even see him.

The Men ad lib "What kind of shark is this?" "It's a shark like in the movies they got sharks." "It's a man-eater, for sure." "I bet it's a record-breaker," etc.

HOOPER (O.S.)

It's a tiger shark. Very rare in these waters, and definitely a maneater.

Hooper enters the circle, and picks up where he left off, measuring the shark's teeth. Others watch him. Charlie and Denherder walk over to the shark. Charlie punches it.

BRODY AND VAUGHN

They are walking down to the shark together.

VAUGHN  
Who's that young man?

BRODY  
Matt Hooper, the specialist they  
send down from the Oceanographic  
Institute.

VAUGHN  
(speaking to everyone)  
I think we all owe a debt of  
gratitude to these men for catching  
this monster.

Brody and Vaughn are by now near the circle of fishermen,  
who are surrounding Hooper, raising their voices at him.

PRATT  
Whadya mean, 'Bite Radius?' What's  
that?

GAFFER  
Teeth are teeth, right?

HOOPER  
I didn't say this wasn't the shark,  
I just said I wasn't sure this was  
the one...

BRODY  
What d'ya mean?

HOOPER  
There are hundreds of different  
kinds of sharks; makos, blues,  
hammerheads, white-tips... any one  
of them could've attacked. Look --  
shark digestion is slow. We could  
open this one up, and find whatever  
he's been eating is still inside.

VAUGHN  
That's disgusting! This is the  
largest, meanest, most vicious  
shark ever landed off Amity Island,  
and a known maneater!

HOOPER  
Let's just cut him open and see  
what's inside...

BRODY  
Why not, Larry? We could get a  
positive confirmation that way.

VAUGHN

Be reasonable, boys -- this isn't the time or the place to do some kind of half-assed autopsy on a fish. Ben...

(to Meadows)

do you have all the pictures you need?

MEADOWS

Plenty.

HOOPER

Wait a minute...

Felix, Pratt and the others ad lib disagreement. "You're not gonna cut up my trophy," etc.

VAUGHN

(seeing something offstage, with low intensity)

I am not going to stand here and watch this fish cut open and see some kid fall out on the dock. Besides...

(he indicates off)

We see Mrs. Kintner approaching, dressed in black.

VAUGHN (CONT'D)

(to Brody)

Chief, I'll take responsibility for this. Boys, cut this ugly sonofabitch down before he stinks up the whole island. Harve, tomorrow you and Carl take him out and dump him right in the drink.

MRS. KINTNER JOINS THE GROUP

She seeks out Brody, and stops in front of him.

MRS. KINTNER

Chief Brody?

He nods, she slaps him full across the face. There is an embarrassed silence. Some people leave, following a trend that began with the first mention of cutting open the shark.

MRS. KINTNER (CONT'D)

My Alex was a beautiful little boy and you killed him. Did you know that?

(MORE)

MRS. KINTNER (CONT'D)  
 You knew there was a shark out there. You knew a girl got killed here last week. I just found that out. But you knew. You knew it was dangerous, but you let people go swimming anyway. You knew all those things, and still my boy is dead now and there's nothing you can do about that. My boy is dead. I wanted you to know that.

She stops, unable to continue. Her father takes her arm and leads her away. Pratt, Harry and the others trail off after her. During the rest of the scene, the camera tightens in on Brody to the exclusion of the others.

VAUGHN  
 I'm sorry, Martin. She's in a sick, terrible state.

HOOPER  
 Look, maybe this is the wrong time to pursue this, but I'm not sure...

Before Hooper can finish, Brody's shoulders slump and he goes slack.

BRODY  
 (almost to himself)  
 She's right.

VAUGHN  
 Let's all get out of here, this place stinks.

BRODY  
 I'm going home.

He turns and leaves abruptly, surrendering the dock to Vaughn and Hooper, who eye each other with mutual dis-admiration.

INT. BRODY HOUSE - NIGHT - DINING ROOM

Brody and Ellen, Sean and Michael, have all finished dinner.

Brody's plate is untouched, a virgin meatloaf. His glass, on the other hand, is well used, with the remnants of a stiff scotch and ice. He is staring across the table at the youngest, Sean, who makes a face at him. He makes a face back.

They play this game together for a few minutes.

BRODY  
C'mere and give Daddy a kiss.

SEAN  
Why?

BRODY  
Because he needs it.

Sean gives Daddy the kiss. Brody shoos him and Michael off to bed. Ellen, who is feeling progressively more left out with each passing moment, gets up abruptly and clears a few dishes. Brody is not letting her into his world for the moment, and it shows. There's a knock at the door.

HOOPER (O.S.)  
Martin Brody residence?

Ellen opens the door for him.

HOOPER (CONT'D)  
Hi. I'm Matt Hooper. If your husband is here, I'd like to talk to him.

ELLEN  
So would I. Come on in.

Hooper enters. He's carrying a couple of bottles of wine which he picked up in town. He sits down near Brody.

ELLEN (CONT'D)  
Would you like something? Some coffee?

HOOPER  
(seeing Brody's plate)  
Is anyone having this...?

He starts in on it, as soon as someone has indicated "go ahead."

HOOPER (CONT'D)  
Dynamite!  
(to Brody)  
How was your day...?

BRODY  
Swell.

They exchange a long look that evolves into a slightly desperate, but shared laughter.

HOOPER  
(producing wine)  
Here... one red, one white.

They laugh some more. Ellen is again left out of it.

HOOPER (CONT'D)  
(boning his fish)  
Ummm. Really good.

Brody begins stripping the foil off the wine, screwing in a corkscrew, etc.

ELLEN  
My husband tells me you're in sharks.

HOOPER  
I wouldn't put it that way. But I love sharks.

ELLEN  
You love sharks?

HOOPER  
I do.  
(he tells a story about his boyhood and a shark)  
But you've still got a problem here, there's a shark just off the island somewhere.

BRODY  
How come you have to tell them that?

ELLEN  
Excuse me, but what are you talking about? Didn't they catch the shark this afternoon? It was on the Cape station news.

HOOPER  
They caught a shark, not the shark. Big difference. I could've proved it this afternoon, by cutting that one open and examining his stomach contents. Also, his bite was too small.

Brody has the cork out of the wine. Pop.

HOOPER (CONT'D)  
I was lucky to find that in town --  
it's an estate bottled vintage  
year...

Brody takes the fine wine, and pours it into his drink glass filling the tumbler to the top with ice cubes, diluted scotch, and the wine.

HOOPER (CONT'D)  
(as Brody pours)  
We ought to let it breathe...  
Whatever.

BRODY  
Let's all have a drink.

He extends the bottle to Hooper, who politely accepts a token sip. He takes some for himself, and offers some to Ellen.

BRODY (CONT'D)  
You too, sweetheart...

ELLEN  
Thank you.

HOOPER  
(toasting)  
Here's to your husband, the only  
other rational man on the island.  
Day after tomorrow, I'll be gone,  
and he'll be the only one.

ELLEN  
You're leaving?

HOOPER  
Going out on the 'Aurora.'

ELLEN  
Is that a boat?

HOOPER  
Is it! The best-funded research  
expedition to ever study the  
shark... around the world in 18  
months.

ELLEN  
Like those Cousteau specials on  
television? I think it's for the  
kids, but I love them.

HOOPER

Better than Cousteau, or Compagno with computers, telemetry, Defense Department funding...

ELLEN

I saw a show with sea otters, and a big turtle... Mikey loved it. Made me promise to get him one. Will you live on the boat?

HOOPER

Yep.

ELLEN

Martin hates boats. Hates the water. On the ferry to the mainland, he sits in the car the whole way over. He's got this childhood thing, there's a clinical word for it.

BRODY

Drowning. Lemme ask you something. Is it true most attacks take place in three feet of water, around 10 feet from the beach?

HOOPER

Yeah. Like the kid on your beach. I wish I could've examined that shark they caught...

BRODY

Something else. Do most attacks go unreported?

HOOPER

About half of them. A lot of 'missing swimmers' are really shark victims.

BRODY

There's a kind of a lone shark, called, uh...

HOOPER

Rogue?

BRODY

Yeah. Rogue. Picks out an area where there's food and hangs out there as long as the food supply lasts?

HOOPER

It's called Territoriality. It's a theory.

BRODY

And before 1900, when people first starting swimming for recreation, before public bathing and resorts, there were very few shark attacks, cause sharks didn't know what they were missing?

HOOPER

You could say that.

Brody digests all this; confirmation of facts he has gleaned in his newly acquired knowledge of the shark species.

There is a long pause.

BRODY

Why don't we have one more drink, you and I, and then we go down and cut open that old shark and see for sure what's inside him, or not.

ELLEN

Can you do that?

BRODY

I am Chief of Police. I can do anything I want.

(to Hooper)

You want to come?

HOOPER

I'm flattered you should ask.

He gets up and they both start out. Ellen watches them go.

INT. BOAT SHED - NIGHT

Dark, spooky shed, with shadows of boats and strange silhouettes of boat parts and scaffolding. At one end, the large, symmetrical bulk of the shark's carcass lies on a tarp. A single dark figure is bending over the dead shark.

The large double doors at one end of the shed squeak open, and the Shadowy Figure moves abruptly away from the shark.

The new entrants move into the shed. It is Hooper and Brody and they are continuing the conversation begun in the car on the way over.

As the Shadowy Figure moves silently into a vantage point against one wall, he passes through the light from a window; it is Quint, and we only see him long enough to recognize him as he backs against the wall.

HOOPER

...And it was Dartmouth Winter weekend, and she was Homecoming Queen, and I was her date; then she got into the fact that her family had more money than my family, and she was right -- her great-grandfather was in mining, and my ancestors were Yankee shipbuilders. So we broke up and I went home with some beatnik from Sarah Lawrence.

BRODY

What stinks so bad?

HOOPER

Our friend, the shark.

They bend over the shape like 18th century graverobbers.

HOOPER (CONT'D)

We always had a summer place on the water -- Newport, the Vineyard, so I figured I'd major in something I knew about. Oceanography, marine biology. It was that, or design racing yachts like my older brother. Hmmm. He we go. Up the old alimentary canal. Hold the light.

We hear a slurp and a squish as Hooper produces a big knife and dips into the shark with a major incision.

HOOPER (CONT'D)

We open the abdominal cavity and check the digestive tract. Simple.  
(he attends to his work)  
From his vantage point, Quint watches, unseen by the two men.

Brody is holding the light, fighting the gag reflex, fascinated by the bizarre ritual.

BRODY

What's that?

HOOPER

Half a flounder. Hmmm... a burlap bag... a paint can... aha!

BRODY  
What? What?!

HOOPER  
Just as I thought. He drifted up here with the Gulf Stream, from southern waters.

BRODY  
How can you tell?

HOOPER  
(showing it)  
Florida license plate.

BRODY  
He ate a car?

HOOPER  
(laughs)  
No, but Tiger sharks are the garbage cans of the ocean. They eat anything. But this one didn't eat any people. There's nothing here...

He kicks the remains around below camera.

HOOPER (CONT'D)  
...Nothing.

BRODY  
What do we do?

HOOPER  
If you're looking for a shark, you don't look on land. You go out and chum for him.

BRODY  
Chum?

HOOPER  
Only one sure way to find him -- offer him a little something to eat. Chum -- blood, waste meat, fish, anything. They can sense it miles away. If he's out there, we might be able to get a closer look at him.  
(checks his watch)  
It's a good time, too. They're night feeders...

EXT. ABOARD HOOPER'S BOAT - NIGHT (TANK)

We see Brody, looking sick and nervous, holding on anxiously as the "Fascinatin' Rhythm" moves slowly ahead trolling at night. His glasses are already flecked with the white salt of dried seawater. He is wearing a life-preserver.

Hooper is at the wheel, a chart spread in front of him, his eyes scanning the sea restlessly, checking the dials and gauges in front of him as well as the electronic depth-finding and "fish-finder" gear mounted in the cockpit. A green glow shines from the instruments on his face. Two closed-circuit TV cameras mounted below the hull flash their pictures onto monitors in the dash.

In the aisle between the seats is a large container filled with unpleasant-looking bait; Hooper is long-lining for signs of shark, and chumming.

HOOPER

(indicating distant  
flashing beacon)

That's the Cape Light -- we're on  
the stretch where he's feeding, if  
he's still here.

Brody, bored, tired, and slightly queasy, is trying to concentrate on anything but the motion of the boat. He stares at the sophisticated electronics displays.

BRODY

What is all this stuff?

HOOPER

(ticking them off)

Depth-finder, fathometer, sonar,  
closed-circuit TV -- fore and aft --  
RDF, single side band...

(points to themselves)

And two loose nuts behind the  
wheel.

BRODY

Can you tell from that if a big man-  
eater is around?

HOOPER

Sometimes.

(indicates display)

Look here -- something big,  
probably a school of mackerel  
clumped together. And staying right  
with us.

INSERT - ELECTRONICS SCREEN

It's blipping and peeping.

CLOSE ON THE TWO MEN

BRODY

Where'd you get all this?

HOOPER

I Bought it. Both sets of grandparents set up trust funds for me; stocks went up, so I don't have to touch my principal.

BRODY

You're at the Institute full time?  
Or do you have a job?

HOOPER

(a nerve has been  
touched)

It is a job. I'm not fooling around  
like some amateur. It's my life!

BRODY

We gotta get back soon...

WIDE ON THE "FASCINATIN' RHYTHM" AS IT SWINGS AROUND

The two men looking very small and vulnerable in the open sea, the low-hanging mist obscuring their visibility in the night.

CLOSE ON BRODY

He hears something, his eyes widen. It is the "bump-thump" of something scraping the hull.

BRODY

Hey!

Hooper looks up and cuts the wheel hard, as the same time dropping the engines into neutral, and then reverse. The sudden change throws Brody to his knees.

BRODY (CONT'D)

What the hell?

ANGLE FROM HOOPER'S BOAT: GARDNER'S BOAT "FLICKA" AWASH AND

## FLOATING DEAD IN THE SEA

It's what they've just run into -- flooded to the gunwales, loose debris floating around, a tangle of lines and gear looking like floating garbage in the cockpit. Hooper's light sweeps across it.

BRODY

That's Ben Gardner's boat! It's the Flicka! Ben? Ben!

Hooper cuts his engines and drifts in; he scampers out to the bow of his boat and makes a line fast to the Flicka.

## INSIDE THE COCKPIT OF HOOPER'S BOAT

The electronic display is showing increased activity, but only Brody, who is clinging to a support for dear life, can see the blips and hear the chatter. Hooper is leaning out to look at the Flicka.

## THE TWO BOATS

Hooper is examining the Flicka, tying a towline to it.

## INSERT HIS POINT OF VIEW

The light picks its way across the ruined boat. The rail where a cleat once was is broadly scarred down to the raw timber, and the heady cleat has been torn bodily out of the hull, ripped out screws and all.

HOOPER'S BOAT

Something he has seen moves Hooper.

BRODY

What happened?

HOOPER

I want to check something. Hold my feet.

He sticks his head over the side, into the black water.

BRODY

Don't they have lifejackets or something? An extra boat?

HOOPER

(surfacing)

They must've hit something.

INSERT, ELECTRONICS DISPLAY

Blip, chatter, blip, chatter.

BRODY AND HOOPER

Hooper moves to get a better look, the boat rocks in the swell and from his movement, Brody clutches the rail in a death-grip.

Hooper goes below decks, getting into his wet suit, buckling on a weighted belt, holding a mask and hot flashlight.

HOOPER

He didn't have a dinghy aboard. I'm going down to take a look at his hull.

BRODY

Why don't we just tow it in?

HOOPER

(hyperventilating)

We will. There's something I've got to find out.

BRODY

Be careful, for chrissake.

Hooper takes a last few breaths, orients himself, takes a long, hard look at the quiet, open ocean, and falls into the sea.

CLOSE ON BRODY

He is studying the surface, trying to follow Hooper's movements. Brody is forcing himself to stay at the edge of the boat by sheer willpower and grim determination. Brody is fascinated by the sea like a bird facing a cobra. He is very much alone. He grasps a flashlight or boathook as a fragile defense against the unknown.

PAST BRODY'S BACK TO THE ELECTRONICS

Beep, chatter, blip.

UNDERWATER SEQUENCE - HOOPER

Hooper descends in a froth of bubbles. Warily he turns a full circle with his hotlight. At first we see nothing out of place about the Flicka except that it is lying so low in the water. But as Hooper travels the bottom looking for damage, he comes across a jagged hole two-thirds of the way forward.

The hole is about the size of a basketball, and the wood around it has been bashed and splintered. Hooper explores the hole with his hands, then takes the knife from its sheath and begins to dig at something. Whatever it is comes free in his hand. As he studies his find, his light wanders upward, pointing directly into the dark hole. Hooper looks up...

CLOSE - HOLE

Ben Gardner's dead face stares out through the hole in the Flicka, eyes and mouth gaping in frozen horror, his skin pinched like a prune.

CLOSE - HOOPER

bumps his head in trying to get away, seems to yell through escaping bubbles. We hear the gasping shout as a bubbling roar in the ears. His mask fills with water as he flails for the surface. Miscalculating, he bumps into the hull of his own boat, shocked, dismayed, his system jangling with adrenaline shock, his hands open, and the object he pried loose from the hull drifts down and out, falling into the eternity of the ocean bottom. He finally bursts through the surface.

END OF UNDERWATER SEQUENCE

THE BOAT, HOOPER EMERGING FROM THE WATER

He is gasping for breath, his whole body vibrating with urgency. The salt water in his lungs combines with the adrenaline in his blood to deprive him of speech.

BRODY

You all right?

HOOPER

A White! A Great White, I found a tooth buried in the hull. He must've attacked... I knew it... Gardner's dead in there. I didn't see the mate...

BRODY

No shark did that to a boat!

Hooper, despite his shock and surprise, is strangely elated, almost giddy with the wonder of his discovery.

HOOPER

Jesus Christ! A Great White! Who'd believe it!

(MORE)

HOOPER (CONT'D)  
 We're not talking about a shark,  
 we're talking about a Shark!

Brody sinks weakly into a chair. Brody huddles in the stern, Hooper kicks the engine in with a roar, and still a-shiver with excitement, turns the boat and its grim tow back to port.

EXT. ISLAND HIGHWAY - THE BILLBOARD - DAY

Next to the "Amity Welcomes You" billboard is a group of selectmen, Vaughn, Meadows, Hendricks, and another deputy standing by with paint and brushes. Brody's wagon is there, along with a few other cars. Busy late afternoon traffic is starting to pile up as early weekenders and curiosity seekers slow down to see what's happening.

Behind the billboard, Brody and Hooper have gotten Vaughn to one side. They are making a closely reasoned presentation to him.

BRODY  
 There is a kind of shark called a  
 Great White Shark that every expert  
 in the world agrees is a maneater.

HOOPER  
 You're situation here suggests that  
 a Great White has staked out a  
 claim in the waters around Amity  
 Island, and that he will continue  
 to feed here as long as there is  
 food in the water.

BRODY  
 There's no limits to where he can  
 strike, and we've had three attacks  
 and two deaths in the past few  
 days. It happened like this before,  
 in when a Great White killed five  
 swimmers at Jones Beach, in Long  
 Island.

HOOPER  
 A shark's attack is stimulated by  
 the kind of splashing and activity  
 that occurs whenever humans go  
 swimming -- you can't avoid it!

BRODY  
 A 4th of July beach is like ringing  
 a dinner bell, for Chrissake!

HOOPER

I just pulled a shark tooth the size of a shot glass out of the hull of a wrecked boat out there.

BRODY

We towed Ben Gardner's boat in, Larry; he was dead and his boat was all chewed up.

VAUGHN

Is that tooth here? Did anyone see it?

HOOPER

I don't have it.

BRODY

He lost it on the way up.

VAUGHN

What kind of a shark did you say it was?

HOOPER

Carcaradon carcharias. A Great White.

VAUGHN

Well, I'm not going to commit economic suicide on that flimsy evidence. We depend on the summer people for our lives, and if our beaches are closed, then we're all finished.

BRODY

We have got to close the beaches. We have got to get someone to kill the shark, we need non-corrosive mesh netting, we need scientific support... It's gonna cost money just to keep the nuts out and save what we have.

VAUGHN

I don't thing either of you is familiar with our problems...

HOOPER

I'm familiar with the fact that you are going to ignore this thing until it swims up and bites you on the ass!

(MORE)

HOOPER (CONT'D)

There are only two ways to solve this thing: you can kill it, or you can cut off its food supply...

BRODY

That means closing the beaches.

VAUGHN

Come here, I want to show you something.

He leads Brody around to the front of the billboard, on which we see that some pranksters have painted a huge shark fin in the water behind the swimmer, so she looks now like a frantic bather fleeing a pursuing monster.

VAUGHN (CONT'D)

Sick vandalism! Brody, that's a deliberate mutilation of a public service message! I want those little paint-happy bastards caught and hung up by their baby Buster Browns!

HOOPER

(who has followed them around)

That's it! I'm standing here arguing with a guy who can't wait to be a hot lunch. Goodbye.

BRODY

Wait a minute! I need you.

HOOPER

Out there is a Perfect Engine, an Eating Machine that is a miracle of evolution -- it swims and eats and that's all. Look at that! Those proportions are correct.

(indicates fin)

I know sharks.

VAUGHN

You'd love to prove that. Getting your name in the National Geographic.

BRODY

Larry, we can re-open the beaches in August.

VAUGHN

August! Tomorrow is the 4th of July, and we are going to open for business. It's going to be our best summer in years. If you're so concerned about the beaches, you two, you do whatever you have to to keep them safe, but with you or without you, the beaches stay open this weekend.

INT. FERRY BOAT - DAY

Two cavernous iron doors. Then a crack of vertical light as six burly crewmen muscle them apart. The Amity ferry landing is approaching, people in colorful outfits waiting dockside for the first filled-to-capacity shuttle of the summer season and --

Bach's Little Fugue is the musical accompaniment to this wholly visual montage of disembarkation. The next two minutes should be treated like a "short film" taking into account all of the colors, episodes, faces and behavior of a variety of Americans who colonize Eastern resort communities for the ninety-day season.

Intercut with this montage is Brody's home, where Ellen, Hooper and Brody are in sweaty, gritty all-out effort to enlist some support. Elements in this montage include:

- A. A train of cars trundling down the ramp, bumper to bumper.
- B. Young Beautiful People from Princeton, Yale, NYU, wearing knapsacks, toting luggage, babies riding in papoose rigs, energized children, senior citizens holding hands on the pedestrian ramp, a few wheelchairs.
- C. Hooper, bent over the phone: "I know it's a long weekend, could you get me his home phone number?"
- D. Sidewalk vendors hawking "Shark Killed" souvenirs, big photo "Personality Posters" of the dead tiger shark hung on the dock.
- E. Brody: "You're acting senior officer? Where's Chief Petty Officer Feldman? Where's the Coast Guard Executive Officer?"
- F. Souvenir stands selling Genuine Sharks Teeth from The Amity Killer Shark, Captured This Week.
- G. Amity Cab Company, small blue Toyotas lined up with their college student drivers like a bomber wing.

H. Hooper: "Well then, operator, could you try him in the dining room?"

I. Brody: "All I get is a recording. Is there some other number I could try...?"

J. Station wagons with pale winter faces pressed anxiously to the window. Cadillacs with Rear Admirals at the helm, their wives with blue hair remembering the way from years before.

K. Hooper: "When did he check out? Did he leave another phone number?"

L. Brody: "How can I reach him in Chambers if he's not in Chambers?"

M. Little Karate Hands breaking picket fences.

N. Some local delinquents about 10 or 12 years old, towing behind their bicycles a little dead sand shark with signs: "Amity Monster Shark." "Killed Here." 5 Cents a Hit." Etc.

Then six blonde and tanned Coney Island meatballs descend the ramp. They all wear Men's Club Lifeguard patches and matching collegiate windbreakers. They scour the landing, looking for someone to save.

The boat is empty. Everybody heading inland, anticipating the best Fourth of July ever. Already there is debris on the docks and the cleaning crew works away at it.

#### INSIDE THE FERRY

As Bach's Little Fugue ends, the six burly crewmen lean their combined weight against the Cathedral doors, closing out the light and locking in the trade. The doors latch shut with a resounding clang!

#### ANGLE ON BRODY, NERVOUSLY WATCHING THE BEACH

He is studying everything, trying to make sure he has it covered as well as possible. He almost doesn't hear the approaching roar of a small helicopter until it settles down behind him, and a Flying Officer gets out, starched, pressed fatigues, a flawless fatigue baseball cap, and slick dark aviator's sunglasses. The Steve Canyon of Amity. He presents Brody with a clipboard.

#### OFFICER

Martin Brody?

(Brody nods)

I'll need your signature here... here... and here.

BRODY

What is this?

OFFICER

Authorization for direct payment of flight expenses not directly connected to a normal mission of this command.

(Brody doesn't understand)

You pay for the gas.

Brody signs. The Officer shakes his head as Brody makes an error.

BRODY

I signed on the wrong line...

OFFICER

Just erase your signature and initial your erasure.

Brody complies, shaking his head. The Officer snaps him a salute, jogs lightly back to his idling copter, buckles in, and gives Brody a "thumbs up" as he lifts off in a flurry of sand and ice-cream wrappers.

EXT. BEACH PARKING LOT - EARLY MORNING

And this is it -- the Dawn Patrol, the only forces that the frantic phone calling produced. Hendricks, and the regular summer extra deputies. The lifeguards. Half a dozen state troopers. Some deputies from neighboring towns, and a Coast Guard ensign with a handful of regulars in work dungarees.

Some of Hooper's friends from the institute.

Brody and Hooper, badly in need of sleep, are watching the crew straggle in. Already the first of the holiday beachgoers are piling out of their cars in a brightly colored cascade of beach balls, umbrellas, blankets, portable bar-b-ques, radios, sun visors, reflectors, rafts, balls, tubes, and newspapers.

Hooper watches one such group: A Family of Ten getting out of a camper-van. He watches in dismay as the family bumbles onto the beach for a day of fun in the sun.

Brody addresses his troops, such as they are.

BRODY

I want to thank you guys from local agencies for cooperating, and I hope we won't actually be needing your services. But I'm glad to have you here.

The Men ad lib responses: "Happy to do it," "Any time," "When's lunch?" "I hate holidays," etc.

ENSIGN

I want to get our lines and repellent out, so we better shove off.

He nods to his men, who head for some Boston Whalers (or similar boat with surf-riding capability) and push off into the surf to patrol the swimming areas.

BRODY

(a last caution)

We're all on one channel, so let's keep radio traffic to a minimum, okay?

Everyone kind of nods acknowledgment.

HOOPER

I hope we get some more help.

BRODY

I wish it would rain...

EXT. BEACH - AMUSEMENT AREA - CLOSE OF SHARK MACHINE

In a shed near the bandstand, a half-dozen pinball and arcade machines sucking quarters from holiday beach-goers. A mechanical shark traverses the screen, is hit with an electric harpoon and red "blood" blossoms from its side, indicating a hit.

Sounds of electronic gadgetry, people having fun. Meadows is there writing it all up for the paper. A move away from the screen of this particular machine reveals the arcade, the parking lot, and, finally, the beginnings of the panorama of the beach that July 4th has created.

EXT. SOUTH BEACH - THE FOURTH OF JULY

four foot surfer's swell curls and crashes on shore, riderless. The broad sandy beach is a mosaic of summer color as one thousand vacationers practice fun in the sun, but not in the water. Hot dog stands and ice cream vendors are everywhere.

## ANGLE - LIFEGUARD STATIONS

A half-dozen lookout lofts. As many handsome lifeguards with Walkie-Talkies strapped to their trunks and loud-hailers at arm's reach. Bored, two of the hot dogs train their binoculars on some local color.

## ANGLE ON TV MOBILE UNIT

A TV Mobile Unit Van is setting up: cables snaking to cameras, a camera with a big sports zoom sitting on the platform atop the truck, a spiffy announcer-type in a blazer with his station's call letters on the pocket. Inside the darkened control room, we can see the pale blue squares of monitors in a mosaic against one wall, facing the switcher.

## AT SEA

Hooper is methodically patrolling in his boat. Tactically flanking a three-hundred-yard apron of black repellent are four small watch-boats. A tiny pleasure boat darts around the repellent line. Farther out, crossing back and forth, are patrol boats. To top it all off, a Coast Guard helicopter hovers and patrols three hundred feet above.

## INT. TELEVISION MOBILE UNIT

At least eight monitors, reflecting the outputs of three cameras and two tape machines, as well as line, preview, and effects monitors.

MONITOR: CAMERA 1: Holding on a group of happy citizen-bathers as they unpack their gear, wave to camera, run into the water.

MONITOR: CAMERA 2: The Repellent Line, set in place by Coast Guardsmen in small boats, setting out floats, dumping repellent into the ocean.

MONITOR: CAMERA 3: Close on the Bandstand, where Amity's band is playing lilting patriotic airs.

After we've seen this activity, we can take a look at what's going on: the preparation of the tape segment for the six o'clock news.

## TV DIRECTOR

Put 1 on the line. In five. 4. 3.  
2. Roll.

On the "Tape 1" and "Line" monitors, we see Vaughn being interviewed by the Announcer in the blazer.

ANNOUNCER

...and with me is the Mayor of Amity, Lawrence Vaughn. Mr. Vaughn, how about those rumors?

VAUGHN

How about them indeed. I'm pleased and happy to repeat the news that we have, in fact, caught and killed a large predator that supposedly injured some bathers here. As you can see, it's a beautiful day, the beaches are open, and the folks here are having a wonderful time. Amity, y'know, means 'Friendship.'

MONITOR: CAMERA 1: As Vaughn speaks to us on the monitors, the monitor for Camera 1 pans over to show a Sightseeing Bus pull up in the parking area, and a horde of media vultures spilling out, carrying cameras with long lenses and tripods, telescopes, sunshades and parasols, all the equipment of the curious and none of the equipment of the holiday bather or swimmer.

TAPE 1 AND LINE MONITORS: Close on the Announcer, Vaughn out of the picture.

ANNOUNCER

Also here today is a Marine Biologist and Research Fellow from the Oceanographic Institute, Matthew Hooper. Mr. Hooper, what've you heard?

HOOPER

What I've heard and what I've seen are two different things. I believe there is a large Great White Shark - Carcharodon Cacharias - in the waters off this very beach, that he has killed and that he will kill again...

Hooper's voice fades off as someone at the mixer panel dials his mike off, and brings up the Announcer's lavalier.

ANNOUNCER

(moving into center frame)

(MORE)

ANNOUNCER (CONT'D)  
 And there you have it -- two  
 different opinions, by men of good  
 will. The holiday crowd here at  
 Amity seems to be making up its own  
 mind...

The camera pans off him to a happy family headed for the  
 beach.

MONITOR: CAMERA 3: Zooms in on the puffing face of the tuba  
 player.

MONITOR: CAMERA 2: Brody and the Announcer.

MONITOR: TAPE 1 and LINE: Back on the Announcer, his lips  
 moving, but his sound turned off. We hear, instead, the  
 sound from Monitor Camera 2, Brody and the same Announcer.

BRODY  
 I'm sorry, I just don't have the  
 time.

TV DIRECTOR  
 Recue the machines. 2, pan off the  
 Chief and show me some tits and  
 ass. get me some cute kids. 3...  
 see if you got a shot at the water.

MONITORS: CAMERAS 1, 2 and 3: The cameras seek out the  
 appropriate activity as the Director calls for it.

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR  
 (holds up stopwatch)  
 Mayor, 43 seconds, Biologist 45  
 seconds. That's equal time, right?

DIRECTOR  
 Right.  
 (he presses "Talkback"  
 button to his announcer)  
 Jerry, come on in and look at this.  
 (to his headset)  
 Roll 2. In five, 4. 3. 2. 1.

TAPE 2 -  
 MONITOR:

Starts showing us the assembled interview segment we've just  
 seen, starting with the Announcer's opening remarks.

ANNOUNCER (V.O. MONITOR)  
 Amity Island is famed for its clear  
 air and white sand beaches. But a  
 cloud appeared...

His voice is dialed under as the Announcer himself appears in the control room to watch himself on the monitors.

ANNOUNCER (LIVE) (CONT'D)  
Look at that shine on my nose. It's  
a beacon.

DIRECTOR  
Close enough for remote.

As Vaughn begins his spiel again, the other monitors show us the action on the beach.

VAUGHN (V.O.)  
...I'm pleased and happy...

DIRECTOR  
Think we ought to stick around?

ANNOUNCER  
What else you got?

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR  
Teachers' strike downtown.

CAMERAMAN'S VOICE (O.S.)  
Christenson, this is Al. Union says  
time for Engineering Five.

DIRECTOR  
That's five minutes, guys. Coffee.

#### ANGLE ON THE BEACH

Vaughn is in his shirtsleeves, having slipped out of his jacket.

He mops his brow, and surveys the beachfront. At this moment, there's nobody swimming. He approaches a familiar Selectman, nods hello, and squats beside him on the sand.

VAUGHN  
Why don't you get in the water?

SELECTMAN  
I don't want to wash off my suntan  
lotion. I'll get a burn...

VAUGHN  
(some urgency)  
Nobody's going in!

On an adjoining blanket, a spirited Ruth Gordon type is sitting, watching brightly as her manservant, a polished Eric Harrison type, prepares some tea from a thermos.

WOMAN

Is there nobody going in? What a shame. Arthur, should I be going in?

ARTHUR (THE BUTLER)

(pouring tea)  
If you'd like.

He puts down the tea service, and leads her towards the water.

At the edge of the sea, she stops, and he walks in.

ARTHUR (CONT'D)

(as he enters the waves)  
It's very nice. Not too cold...  
Quite refreshing... Very  
pleasant....

He ducks his head under for a final look around. His dripping head rises triumphantly from the surf.

ARTHUR (CONT'D)

No sharks, m'lady.

She starts into the water, he takes her parasol, escorting her the rest of the way into the ocean.

WOMAN

This is marvelous! Arthur, I want to come back to this very spot. Will you make a note of where we are?

WIDE - ON THE BEACH

Encouraged by the sight of the Woman and Arthur, and Vaughn's quiet urgings, people begin to wander into the surf, a few at first, and then a rush, as people plunge in and begin enjoying the pleasures of ocean bathing. The Selectman goes in, his family follows, Vaughn watches it all, beaming.

BOAT #7

Hendricks is on the radio while a Coast Guard spotter works the sonar.

HENDRICKS

Anything? Thought I saw a shadow.  
Over.

Pan to the water.

UNDERWATER

As before, 400 pairs of enticing,  
yummy swimmers' legs, kicking like  
animated hors d'oeuvres.

INT. HELICOPTER - AERIAL VIEW

A breathtaking view. The copter spotter looks down with  
naked eye and binoculars.

COPTER SPOTTER

Nothing from up here, Daisy. Over.

CLOSE - HENDRICKS

HENDRICKS

(into walkie-talkie)  
False alarm. Must be this glare.

ANGLE - BEACH - CLOSE ON BRODY

He is walking down the beach, threading his way through the  
happy hordes. Meadows nods "hello."

VOICES

Who's scared to go in! I was in! Up  
to your knees, yeah -- So come with  
me -- I'll go again.

MEADOWS

Beautiful day, Chief!

A group of youngsters playing with Michael Brody's dinghy.

They are hauling it toward the surf.

BRODY

Hey Mikey -- !

Michael turns as Brody trots toward him.

BRODY (CONT'D)

You're not going to the ocean with  
that, are you son?

MICHAEL

I'm all checked out for light surf  
and look at it.

BRODY

Do me this favor just once. Use the ponds.

MICHAEL

Dad, the ponds are for old ladies.

BRODY

Just a favor for your old man.

MICHAEL

(confused)

Sure, Dad.

TV CREW - NEAR WATER

TV cameramen are packing up their gear. For them it's a wrap

REPELLENT LINE - COUNTY POLICEMAN

Suddenly his Walkie-Talkie fizzes, and the Copter Spotter's voice overloads the speaker.

COPTER SPOTTER

Copter to Daisy! Red Four, Red Four!

BOAT #7 - HENDRICKS

Guns are up, heads turning everywhere.

HENDRICKS

(into walkie-talkie)

Where -- ?

COPTER SPOTTER

Went under your -- There!

The Coast Guard sonar operator spots it and pales. A slick black dorsal fin is slicing a wake toward the swimming area.

SONAR OPERATOR

Jesus Christ -- Shark!

BEACH - BRODY

Rigid and choked, he almost breaks the "send" button trying to transmit.

BRODY

Everybody out! Out of the water, please -- leave the water, please --

A lifeguard in a loft behind him begins blowing on his whistle.

CLOSE - BRODY

shouting hysterically.

BRODY

No whistles! No whistles!

THE BEACH

Dozens of bathers halfway out of the water, turn to see. More whistles, and they start toward shore. We hear panicky voices ad-libbing; "Shark," "Look Out," etc. The loudhailers sounding more urgent now, and a contagious dread seizes one person after another. Entire groups of people begin pulling toward shore, some of them obviously trying to control a growing hysteria in others.

BOATS #6 AND #7

are converging, heading toward the repellent line as if tracking an underwater shadow. The fin is beyond the repellent cordons and heading into the crowds.

HOOPER'S BOAT

Caught on the other end of the line, he is wheeling in a broad, hot-dogger's circle turn, headed back.

THE WATER - BATHERS

People begin screaming. Kids are suddenly separated from their parents. Others seem to forget how to swim. One myopic little girl has her glasses bumped off and she begins to cry in blinded panic. Ellen Brody looks around frantic.

BOATS #2, #3, #4

The riflemen in the boats are trying to get a bead, but too many civilians create a hazard. The Coast Guardsmen attempt to sever the repellent cord to gain access to the bathing area and the heaving fin.

THE WATER - BATHERS

This is a confirmation of our worst dread -- a full-blown headlong water panic.

Screaming vacationers claw their way over the bodies of the less able. Some literally attempt to walk over the bobbing heads and glistening backs of others pulling for dry land.

CLOSEUPS - PANIC

Horrified faces. Some are stunned and wandering in slow, tentative circles, while others are helped out by friends.

Five people try to mount a rubber raft.

Ugly reminders that each of us is Number One.

Brody enters shot, yelling into his walkie-talkie, someone charges past him to help an old man out of the water.

EXT. THE BEACH

Dragging the helpless from the surf. Tears well in Brody's eyes. The screaming is deafening. The TV unit is hopping up and down in rage and frustration.

TV DIRECTOR

Why did we wrap? Get that! Somebody  
get that!

One thousand survivors pack the beach, standing absolutely still. A numbing cold sets in, and people shiver against each other.

Muted sobs, whimpering, coughing.

The six burly lifeguards huddle together like Cub Scouts.

ANGLE - BATHING AREA

The monstrous black fin turns a slow circle as two Coast Guardsmen manage to cut their own repellent line. All boats converge on the dynamic fin. Men raise their guns to fire. Others adlib nautical commands in a uniquely calculated fashion.

CLOSE - FIN

It slips sideways, revealing for the first time a tiny blue snorkel. Then appears the faces of two youngsters whom we will recall from the coven behind the dune. The fin bobs back, a beaverboard replica attached to a partially submerged surfboard. One youngster looks up and is greeted by:

## YOUNGSTER'S POINT OF VIEW

Twenty rifles and shotguns pointed directly at him. Surrounding him on three sides. Some of the policemen start to lower their guns -- struck dumb.

## HOOPER IN HIS BOAT

He throttles back suddenly, subsiding into his own wake, his eyes still restlessly searching.

## CLOSE - YOUNGSTER

his only defense, he begins to cry -- and feebly raises his hands in unconditional surrender.

## ANGLE - ESTUARY

The narrow estuary leading into the half-mile is rough today.

Two children digging in the sand and unaware of the beach panic one hundred yards away look up, and the little girl points.

## BLACK DORSAL FIN

is cruising through the narrows and toward the busy pond.

## HOOPER IN HIS BOAT AGAIN

He sees it, and jams his throttle forward. He steers with one hand, fumbling urgently for his walkie-talkie with the other.

## AERIAL VIEW

The circle of boats around the little pranksters, the crowds huddled on the beach, Hooper's boat suddenly arrowing towards the estuary, leaving a huge boiling wake.

## CLOSE ON VAUGHN

He catches Hooper's boat out of the corner of his eye. Curious, he follows its progress. It's urgency finally communicates itself to Vaughn, who begins a shambling trot across the dunes towards a rise overlooking the estuary.

## OVERLOOKING THE ESTUARY

Vaughn gets there just in time to see the disaster. He watches, helpless, trying to shout, out of breath. Stunned.

ANGLE - POND

Michael is tacking full-sail in his boat with a friend, Kit.

Kit is admiring the shark's tooth necklace around his own neck while Michael rubs some water on the scratches left by it.

The fin, huge, black and real, crosses behind them. They are not yet aware. The fin seems to circle and return. It heads toward Michael's boat when another small dinghy gets in its way -- a weekend novice just finishing a thermos of coffee when he is "bumped." The entire boat is overturned. Michael sees the fin now as it collides with him, the entire bow lifting out of the water and rolling over on the port side.

Michael and Kit are thrown head first.

Three heads in the water come up sputtering, the fin between them crossing back. Michael freezes. The fin comes directly at him, growing into the sky, passing him so close he could touch it, but ignoring him as it follows the flailing and panicked weekend novice. Catches him. Michael watches. That all too familiar explosion of water -- a choked off scream -- the head and upper torso of the novice passing Michael swiftly as though being carried off -- a current of blood trailing behind.

THE VICTIM

(passing a horrified  
Michael, who half extends  
one hand, as if to help)  
It's no good. I'm dead...  
(and he is)  
A renewed cry of shark!

CLOSE - BRODY

He turns. Oh God! Running through the slogging sand.

CLOSE - ELLEN

A sudden turn. She runs.

CLOSE - HOOPER IN BOAT

He's got the walkie-talkie to his mouth.

HOOPER

Block the estuary! The estuary!

Three boats racing to carry out the orders. The black fin re-passing the two children, racing to get out. Hooper reaches the mouth before the others. The fin won't veer off.

It smacks into the little vessel, bumping it aside. The fin is left racing into open water. Blood leavings. Hooper leaping over the side, slogging towards Michael.

WIDE ON WATER

Copter roars in buzzing the shark, but too late.

CLOSE - BRODY AND ELLEN

They are pulling Michael out of the water as Hooper splashes up. Michael is conscious but in shock -- his eyes staring at nothing.

BRODY  
(feeling his face)  
He's in shock. Get blankets!

People gather and Brody snatches beach towels out of their hands. They cover Michael and carry him off the beach, feet raised above his head.

INT. HOSPITAL - DAY

Michael is wheeled out in the bed. Brody and Ellen are there.

Sean is sleepy in Brody's arms. Vaughn is waiting in the hall.

NURSE  
The doctor said it's okay -- mild shock. He can come home in the morning.

ELLEN  
(to Michael)  
Hey, big guy -- you want anything from home?

MICHAEL  
My cars. And a comic book.

BRODY  
(sees Vaughn)  
Here --  
(gives baby to Ellen)  
Take him home.

ELLEN  
Home... New York?

BRODY  
No. Home here.

Ellen exits.

BRODY (CONT'D)  
(crossing to Vaughn)  
Got a pen on you?

VAUGHN  
Why?

BRODY  
There's only one thing you're good  
for anymore -- signing a damn  
voucher. Here. It's an  
authorization to employ a  
contractor.

VAUGHN  
I don't know if I can do that  
without a...

BRODY  
(interrupting)  
I'm going to hire Quint to kill the  
fish. I want to see that shark  
dead.

VAUGHN  
Maybe we can save August...

BRODY  
Forget it. This summer's had it.  
Next summer's had it. You're the  
mayor of Shark City. You wanted to  
keep the beaches open. What happens  
when the town finds out about that?

VAUGHN  
I was acting in the town's best  
interests...

BRODY  
The best interest in this town  
would be to see that fish belly-up  
in the water with a hole in his  
head. You do the right thing. You  
authorize me.  
(indicates paper)  
Right there. Whatever it costs.

VAUGHN  
My kids were on that beach...

BRODY  
Just sign it, Larry.

Vaughn signs, and Brody takes the paper and exits.

QUINT'S HOUSE - DAY

Brody and Hooper are approaching Quint's house. They enter through the big wooden doors, into another circle of Hell.

Smoke and steam from two big oil drums sitting over fires fills the air. Quint and his mate, Herschel, are grinding pieces of pilot whale into chum. The whale lies bloody on the floor, its ruined carcass adding to the stench of other sharks being boiled in the drums, their tails suspended in the air.

Diesel fumes and decay fill the air, and tools, ropes, broken bits of iron and engine parts litter the floor. Wall hangings of rope and floats, and buoys, barrels, tackle and gear all conspire to frame the killing floor.

Brody and Hooper navigate the obstacle course.

BRODY

This has got to be one big violation...

HOOPER

(handling some gear)  
This is quite a place.

QUINT'S VOICE

Keep your hands off my stuff.

He emerges from the steam and smoke.

QUINT

Did you bring a check?

BRODY

What?

QUINT

Cash? Or do we do this on a handshake and a promise?

BRODY

I'm authorized by the township of Amity to hire you as an independent contractor. We'll meet your price.

\$10,000.

QUINT

And my regular daily rate -- \$200, whether we catch him or not.

BRODY  
You got it.

QUINT  
And incidental damages, if any...

BRODY  
You got it.

QUINT  
And you get the Mayor off my back  
with this zoning crap. Nobody tells  
me how to run my property.

BRODY  
You got it.

QUINT  
And, uh, a case of apricot brandy  
and you buy the lunch.

BRODY  
Two cases. And dinner when you  
land.

QUINT  
(pours drink)  
Try some of this. I made it myself.

Brody tastes.

QUINT (CONT'D)  
Here's to swimmin' with bowlegged  
women.

Herschel interrupts. He's stopped working, and is wiping his  
hands on a bloody rag.

HERSCHEL  
Mr. Quint...

Quint wheels to face him.

HERSCHEL (CONT'D)  
I'm not goin'. No sir.

QUINT  
You want to get paid, you go.

HERSCHEL  
Forget the money. You can't pay me  
enough. I ain't crazy. I worked  
some big mean fish with you, but I  
ain't goin' on this one.

QUINT

This is the last time I hear from you. I don't want anyone with piss for blood on my vessel. Put that blackfish on board, pump the bilges, and top off the fuel tanks, and finish up in the morning. Then you're on the beach.

HOOPER

You're going to need an extra hand...

Quint turns to see this new voice, and starts walking towards him.

BRODY

This is Matt Hooper...

QUINT

I know who he is...

BRODY

He's from the Oceanographic Institute.

HOOPER

I've been to sea since I was 12. I've crewed three Trans-pacs --

QUINT

Transplants?

HOOPER

-- and an America's Cup Trials...

QUINT

I'm not talking about day sailing or pleasure boating. I'm talking about working for a living. Sharking.

HOOPER

And I'm not talking about hooking some poor dogfish or sand shark. I'm talking about a Great White.

QUINT

Are you now. I know about porkers in the water --  
(throws him some rope)  
Here. Tie me a sheepshank.

Hooper ties the knot effortlessly.

HOOPER

I don't need to pass basic seamanship.

QUINT

Let me see your hands...

He takes Hooper's hands in his own big bloody fists, and feels them as he talks.

QUINT (CONT'D)

Ha. City hands. You been counting money. If you had a \$5000 net and \$2000 worth of fish in it, and along comes Mr. White, and makes it look like a kiddy scissors class has gone to work on it and made paper dolls. If you'd ever worked for a living, you'd know what that means.

HOOPER

Look, I don't need to hear any of this working class hero crap. Some party boat skipper who's killed a few sharks...

BRODY

(interrupting)

Hey. Knock it off. I don't want to have to listen to this while we're out there...

QUINT

What do you mean 'We...?'

BRODY

It's my charter. My party.

QUINT

All right, Commissioner. But when we're on my ship, I am Master, Mate and Pilot. And I want him...

(indicates Hooper)

...along for ballast.

BRODY

You got it.

EXT. QUINT'S DOCK - MORNING

The Mate is loading. He hands Quint the items on his check list as Quint takes them aboard.

QUINT  
 lengths of 1/2-inch, 20 number  
 straight gaff, flying gaffs, tail  
 rope, eye splice, M-1, 20 clips,  
 pliers, irons...

As he talks, we see Hooper coming down to the dock. Wheeling a wagon behind him are two long-haired Research Assistants from the Institute. On the wagon, among other things, is a big shark cage. At dockside, Hooper checks his list, as he signs for his issue.

HOOPER  
 Powerhead, CO2 darts, hypo,  
 regulator, tanks, depth gauge,  
 camera, extra magazines, cage...

CLOSE - ON HOOPER AND RESEARCH ASSISTANT

ASSISTANT  
 You got everything you asked for?

HOOPER  
 All of it. And thank Dr. Miro for me. And tell Borack I'll catch up with them in New Zealand.

ASSISTANT  
 This is actually a killing expedition?

HOOPER  
 An eye for an eye, you know.

QUINT  
 Hey, Squirt! You want to stow this gear or you want me to use it for ballast? It ain't good for much but bait.

HOOPER  
 (to Assistant)  
 I'll see ya. Tell Dorothy hello.

Hooper sees his gear approaching.

ANGLE ON DOCK AND ORCA

Quint sees Hooper approaching with the large cage.

QUINT  
 Hello, Junior. What are you? Some kind of half-assed astronaut?  
 (to himself)  
 (MORE)

QUINT (CONT'D)  
 Jesus Christ, when I was a kid,  
 every little squirt wanted to be a  
 harpooner or a sword fisherman.  
 What d'ya have there -- a portable  
 shower?

HOOPER  
 Anti-Shark cage.

QUINT  
 Who's inside, you or the shark?

Hooper indicates "me."

QUINT (CONT'D)  
 You're in the cage?  
 (Hooper nods)  
 The cage is in the water?  
 (Hooper nods)  
 The shark is in the water too?  
 (Hooper nods)  
 You're in the water with the shark.

Hooper nods. Quint sings "Spanish Ladies" half to himself.

HOOPER  
 Comin' aboard...

ANGLE ON DOCK, BRODY AND ELLEN APPROACHING

She's carrying a little plastic shopping bag, he's wearing  
 shiny new foul weather gear, bundled up, sweaty,  
 uncomfortable.

She gives him as good a hug as she can manage under the  
 circumstances.

ELLEN  
 Did you take your dramamine?  
 (Brody nods)  
 Here.

She straightens his coat, and gives him a shaving kit to  
 carry aboard with his toiletries. From the deck, Quint  
 whistles derisively.

QUINT  
 Hurry up, Chief, daylight's a  
 wastin'.

ELLEN  
 Is that him?

BRODY  
(to Ellen)  
Colorful, isn't he?

ELLEN  
You going to be all right?

BRODY  
Nothing to worry about -- I'll  
survive this.

ELLEN  
I'll see you back soon. There's an  
extra pair of glasses in your black  
socks, and there's some suntan  
lotion and blistex in your kit.

Brody nods, and holds her hand for a wordless moment.

QUINT (O.S.)  
(sings)  
'Here is the body of Mary Lee. For  
years she kept her virginity. Not a  
bad record for this vicinity.'

There is a sputter and roar as the Orca's diesels kick on.

BRODY  
Yo-ho-ho and a bottle of rum.

ELLEN  
(hugging him)  
What'll I tell the kids?

BRODY  
Tell 'em I went fishin'!

They laugh together, and exchange a short, fierce kiss.

QUINT  
Cast off the bow line! Now your  
stern!

Its diesels chugging, the Orca pulls away from the pier.

Ellen has already resolutely turned her back on it, and is walking off the dock back onto dry land.

ABOARD THE ORCA

Quint has set a course out towards the open sea. He lashes the wheel, and jumps down to address Hooper and Brody, who are standing together in the stern.

QUINT

(to Brody)

Front-Bow, Back-Stern, Port,  
Starboard. Aloft, Below. It's not a  
staircase, it's a ladder, it's not  
a rope, it's a line, and if you  
don't get it right...

(indicates porthole)

I'll throw your ass through that  
little round window.

He laughs at his joke. This is probably something he tells  
all his charters.

QUINT (CONT'D)

Now hear this. You're aboard the  
fishing vessel 'Orca,' and I'm her  
Captain, Master, Mate, and Owner.  
You'll jump when I holler. We're  
doin' a job here, and Christ, I  
ain't got time to watch you birds  
get hooks in your ass and fall  
overboard. Ship with me, and you'll  
do all right. Cross me, and I'll  
slap you upside your heads. Now --  
if you boys are ready -- let's go  
fishin'.

He starts moving gear around, preparing chum barrels,  
setting hooks, Hooper gives him a hand, Brody stays out of  
the way.

DISSOLVE TO:

EXT. THE OCEAN - NOON

It is quiet as the Orca drifts along in the current, a wide  
chum slick spreading behind it. A couple of flag buoys  
spread along our perspective show us the miles the boat has  
gone.

Quint spots something in the water -- a small blue shark  
attracted by the chum. He rigs a small pole with a piece of  
bait, and throws it over the side.

QUINT

Here's something for you...

The shark takes the bait, Quint brutally and efficiently  
sets the hook, and reels the shark alongside. He hauls it  
part way out of the water, and sticks it with a gaff. Hooper  
and Brody watch.

INSERT - SHARK WRIGGLING ON HOOK

Tailrope dropping on him. Gaffed and bleeding, the shark is immobilized by Quint's practiced hands. He takes one of his big knives and poses for a moment beside the struggling fish.

QUINT

These greedy sons-a-bitches will  
eat their own guts.

He slices into the shark's underbelly. We hear the sound of entrails plopping into the water. Brody is almost retching, and Hooper is just displeased.

ANGLE ON THE WATER

The gutted shark swimming in circles biting at its own entrails.

ANOTHER ANGLE

Fins closing in on the wounded  
shark.

QUINT

Go ahead, you cannibals. Tell 'em  
where you got it!

SHARK FRENZY

A boil of water and the flash of  
fins and teeth as the local sharks  
erupt in a feeding frenzy, jaws  
snapping, blood spewing, a sudden  
display of the fury and blind  
predatory drive of the fearsome  
species.

HOOPER

What's that supposed to prove?

QUINT

Just a little appetizer. I want our  
porker to know we're serving. I  
want to put some iron into that big  
yap...

HOOPER AND BRODY REACT AS WE

DISSOLVE TO:

EXT. THE OCEAN - AFTERNOON

The Orca is drifting in neutral. The ocean is like gelatin,  
the sun sucking heat waves from its surface.

Brody at the stern, handkerchief on his head to protect from further sunburn, has been handed the slimiest job on a shark hunt: the ladling out of chum. There are several empty chum barrels. A flag buoy bobs in the wake of the boat, another waits to be tossed over the side. Brody is reeling with nausea. He opens his overnight kit and takes out a handkerchief and some Old Spice after-shave. He pours the after-shave into the cloth, presses it to his nose. Hooper is also in the stern.

QUINT

Keep that chum line going -- we've got five good miles. Don't break it.

BRODY

Who's driving the boat?

QUINT

Nobody. We're drifting with the current.

HOOPER

(using the fish finder)  
Nothing. Nothing, nothing, nothing.

QUINT

(to Hooper)  
Hell, in the old days we went out with good charts, good sounding lead, and a damn good compass. Nowadays, these kids are afraid to go out without depth finders, radar, radio, electric toothbrush, every stupid thing...

Quint opens a can of beer and drains it in one long pull, crushing the empty and throwing it over the side. Hooper drains his coffee from a styrofoam cup, and cracks it in his hand with a silly "plup." He stows the pieces in an empty chum barrel.

QUINT (CONT'D)

(to Brody)  
Get a fresh barrel.

Brody goes to unleash a fresh barrel, but can't figure out the knots. He finally tugs on a piece of rope, and it all comes loose... barrel, shark cage, and, most important, Hooper's tanks, clattering and rolling on the deck.

HOOPER

(jumping up)  
Watch it!

(MORE)

HOOPER (CONT'D)  
 Compressed air -- you screw around  
 with one of those and Boom!  
 Careful, huh?

QUINT  
 (mutters)  
 Real fine stuff but it won't mean a  
 thing to Mr. Whitey, of course...  
 he didn't go to schools in  
 electronics. He was born with what  
 he does best. Eat. He's a swimming  
 appetite. 'Course he might eat this  
 stuff, but then I've seen him eat a  
 rocking chair, too.  
 (to Brody)  
 Next time, ask me.

DISSOLVE TO:

LATER

The men are in different positions on the boat. Hooper on  
 the flying bridge. Quint in the stern, Brody hanging over  
 the rail, puking.

Quint takes a wide red strip of whale meat and a gnarled  
 squid from the garbage pail, and searches for a No. 2 hook  
 rig. He holds up a strip of whale.

HOOPER  
 (eyeing bait)  
 That's pilot whale, isn't it?

QUINT  
 It ain't a Big Mac.  
 (to Brody)  
 The expert don't approve. What do  
 you thing? You're closer to the  
 situation.  
 (laughs)  
 Brody shades his eyes from the  
 white sun as Quint baits up.

BRODY  
 (croaky)  
 Why are we way out here, when the  
 shark's back there?

QUINT  
 (snapping bait to his  
 leader)  
 ...'cause this is where he lives.  
 You gotta think like they do.

HOOPER  
 (to himself)  
 Easy for you -- they got a brain  
 the size of a radish.

Quint sits in the fighting chair. He casts off, murmuring as the line feeds out.

QUINT  
 (to Brody)  
 Now if he weren't around, we'd of  
 hooked something else by now,  
 wouldn't we? But he scared 'em all  
 away. Big lonesome son of a  
 bitch...

DISSOLVE TO:

LATER

Quint at ease in his chair, Brody near him, practicing tying knots. The line starts to move, a few feet at a time; both men watch. Then the line whizzes off the reel. Brody jumps up. Hooper springs to the deck. Quint puts his hand on the drag and addresses the situation softly.

QUINT  
 -- he'll gulp it down now...  
 (making gulping noises)  
 Hoooooooo!

Quint tightens drag and strikes. The line goes whizzing out.

Brody runs to Quint's side. Hooper springs up to the flying bridge.

BRODY  
 You got it?

QUINT  
 (turning with the pull)  
 Get behind me, dummy!  
 (shouts to Hooper)  
 Reverse her and turn -- he's taking  
 too much line!  
 (to Brody)  
 Wet my reel, quick!

Brody goes to get water, the boat surges, he staggers. Brody pours water on the screaming reel, nearly unspooled now.

Hooper is turning the boat around and the line changes direction.

QUINT (CONT'D)  
 (straining, muscles  
 popping)  
 Starboard, for Chris'sake --

Hooper steers it sharply.

QUINT (CONT'D)  
 (to Hooper)  
 Hey, you! Farmer! Half-speed  
 there...

HOOPER  
 (almost to himself)  
 Aye, Aye SIR. Stand by to repel  
 boarders. Poop the mainsail. Argh,  
 Jim Boy.

Again the line changes direction, down this time.

QUINT  
 (to Hooper)  
 Neutral!  
 (to himself)  
 Where the hell is he going?

Quint reeling in like mad.

QUINT (CONT'D)  
 Oh, this ain't foolin' me --  
 (rod arcs down with a  
 surge)  
 Sure -- try it!

He ad libs brief instructions to Brody as the line rushes  
 out and there is less tension. Quint is horsing up and down,  
 reeling in.

QUINT (CONT'D)  
 Makin' believe it's easy now.

The line is almost vertical, and Quint shows a hint of  
 bafflement. He reels in suspiciously.

QUINT (CONT'D)  
 Gettin' ready to run again -- no?  
 No?  
 (suspicious)  
 What's he playin' here?  
 (reels in furiously, to  
 Brody)  
 Put the gloves on!  
 (to fish)  
 (MORE)

QUINT (CONT'D)  
Let's see who's gonna tease who  
now!

HOOPER  
Let it go, don't waste your time.

QUINT  
(to Hooper)  
Down here, Hooper!

Hooper is rushing down.

HOOPER  
I don't know what it is, but it's  
not a shark.

QUINT  
(bathed in sweat;  
hauling, reeling)  
Look -- you may be a big Yahoo in  
the lab, but out here you're just  
supercargo, and you'll do as I say,  
or you can take your gear and  
backstroke home. Now get down here!

The leaders show above the water line. Brody is wide-eyed,  
waiting for that first look.

BRODY  
The wire's showing!

QUINT  
(to Brody)  
Unbuckle me -- fast!  
(to Hooper)  
Grab the leader. He ain't normal,  
this one... they never --

HOOPER  
It's too wild, too erratic. It's a  
marlin or a stingray. It's a  
gamefish.

Hooper snaps the rope onto the leader and holds on.

QUINT  
Watch your hands --  
(suddenly to Brody)  
Grab onto this!

Before he realizes what's happening, Brody is clumsily  
clutching at the big rod, appalled. Quint skips away for a  
flying gaff. He picks one, turns...

That's when the leader lashes free, sending Hooper crashing backward in a serious fall, and the rod whips at Brody's forehead, drawing blood. Quint snatches up the rod and reels in.

The wires have been bitten through.

QUINT (CONT'D)

(to Hooper)

A marlin, or a stingray. Huh. Don't ever tell me my business again. Get back up on the bridge.

HOOPER

(stunned)

I'm okay...

QUINT

(to Brody)

Fasten the pole.

BRODY

What's the point with hooks and lines? --

QUINT

Don't tell me my business!

(to Hooper, points)

Quarter-mile, that way. Full throttle.

Hooper shakes off his dizziness and obeys. Brody watches Quint rig up a new leader, hook up the same bait.

BRODY

(nursing forehead,  
gesturing at rod and  
reel)

How -- if they're gonna keep on breaking?

QUINT

What I do is trick him to the surface, got that? Then I can jab him, understand?

(goes to flybridge,  
muttering)

Think I'm gonna haul it in as if he's a catfish, like everyone else does?

Brody goes inside to inspect his forehead.

ON BRIDGE - HOOPER AND QUINT

QUINT  
(suddenly, pointing)  
Over there!

HOOPER  
What do you see?

QUINT  
(still looking)  
At least you handle the boat all  
right. Stop. Here... Cut the  
engine.

Hooper cuts the engines as Quint swings nimbly down. He stands stock still on the main deck, motioning Brody to be silent.

Then picking up the newly rigged rod, Quint softshoes it over to the chair. About to sit down, he freezes.

CLOSE - QUINT

looking hard at something.

CLOSE - BRODY

staring, eyes widening.

CLOSE - HOOPER

moving in, surprised, interested, fascinated.

THEIR COMBINED POINT OF VIEW

We see the shark. First the fin... then the head and upper jaws, ten or twenty yards off the side of the boat. It finally submerges, its tail giving a final slap.

ANGLE ON QUINT

He puts his rod away and stares at it. And stares. And stares.

Hooper is the first to break the silence.

HOOPER  
feet, if it's an inch...

QUINT  
feet. And three tons of him there.

Hooper is nearly beside himself with a strange ecstasy. He leaps toward his gear.

QUINT (CONT'D)  
 (quietly, to Brody)  
 I never saw one that big.

BRODY  
 What do we do? Get some help? Radio in?

Quint ignores him and moves off into the pilot house, where he swiftly takes out his green case, and opens it to begin to assemble something inside it. Brody is alone on the deck with Hooper.

BRODY (CONT'D)  
 How're we gonna handle this?

Hooper is contained in his own excitement. He has finally come up with what he was looking for -- an expensive Nikon through which he peers intently at the shark alongside. He is talking half to himself as he fine-tunes the range finder and focus.

He is squeaking and bubbling in an unsuppressed emotional boil.

HOOPER  
 (very, very high)  
 There's a formula! Girth, about 150 inches, squared, divide by 800 -- son of a bitch, they are not going to believe this! -- divide by 2000... three tons!  
 (after Quint)  
 You're right, you old fart! Three tons!  
 (ad libs ecstasy)

CLOSE ON QUINT IN THE PILOT HOUSE

He is assembling the Greener harpoon gun, deftly screwing on the long wooden stock, the heavy steel barrel, and big shaft with the wicked barbs, the frame all rigged with line. Past him, on the deck, we can still see Hooper. As Quint is working with the gun, the radio suddenly squawks into life.

RADIO VOICE (V.O.)  
 Amity Point Light Station to Orca.  
 This is Amity Point Light Station,  
 to Orca...

Quint snaps the mouthpiece to his lips.

QUINT

Orca here.

RADIO VOICE (V.O.)

I have Mrs. Martin Brody here...

QUINT

Put her on.

ELLEN'S VOICE

...push this? Oh. It's working.  
Hello, Martin?

QUINT

This is Quint, Missus.

ELLEN'S VOICE

I just wanted to know if you were  
all right... the Coast Guard let me  
use their radio. Is Chief Brody  
there?

QUINT

He's busy.

ELLEN'S VOICE

Well... is everything all right?

QUINT

Just fine, Missus. We'll be back  
soon. Everything's fine. We haven't  
seen anything yet. Orca out.

He snaps off the radio, and, for good measure, pulls the  
plug from the power source.

ANGLE FROM DECK

The big shark is slicing through the water just below the  
surface, its fin high, the big gray back glistening, the  
teeth gleaming.

ANGLE - INCLUDING FOREDECK

HOOPER

(on deck)

Damn it! I need something in the  
foreground to give it some scale.  
Martin! Stand here! No, to your  
left!

He is positioning Martin frantically, trying to include  
Brody, the shark, and the Orca in the same frame.

Quint finishes with the gun, and as a final gesture, snaps an explosive cartridge into the breech. He empties the box of cartridges onto the table, snatches up a big handful, and drops them into a pocket, and heads out on deck, bound for the bow pulpit.

ON DECK

Quint appears with the harpoon gun.  
He throws one end of the line to  
Hooper.

QUINT

Here. Rig this to the forward keg  
up there.

He indicates the barrels on the foredeck.

QUINT (CONT'D)

(to Brody)

Get up there and steer her. Follow  
my hand, and hold 'er steady. I've  
got to get a clean shot at that  
porker's head.

Quint moves up toward the bow, Brody goes up to the flying bridge to take the wheel, Hooper starts for the foredeck, but stops to rummage in his kit, throwing gear around as he desperately hunts for something.

QUINT (CONT'D)

Hurry up, rig the line!

ANGLE ON HOOPER

He finds what he's looking for. A small, powerful strobe unit, waterproofed, a miniature signal beacon. He triggers it, and it begins to pulse with a light we can see even in the sun.

Hooper scampers to the foredeck and begins to rig the light to the first barrel, as the shark begins to surface near the bow.

QUINT

(to Brody)

Come to port. Watch my hand. Steady  
now...

He guides Brody with hand signals. Brody tries urgently to get it right, not to oversteer, to try to hold the big boat with its throbbing diesels on the course that Quint is indicating.

QUINT (CONT'D)  
The line, man, the line!

Hooper is rigging like crazy.

FROM THE FLYING BRIDGE

Brody steering f.g., Hooper on the foredeck with the barrels, Quint leaning out over the pulpit, the gun at the ready, the shark crossing inexorably in front of them.

CLOSE ON QUINT

Agonizing over his shot as the shark approaches, glancing back to see if the line is properly rigged and Hooper is clear of it.

QUINT  
Get clear, damn you!

The shark is in position, Hooper shouts, a moment too late.

HOOPER  
Clear!

Quint fires. The harpoon slams into the shark behind his head, half-way along the back in front of the big dorsal fin.

QUINT  
Jesus H. Christ On a Crutch!

INSERT - COILED ROPE AND BARREL

The rope snaps out in a blur of violent motion, Hooper jumps back, and the barrel leaps out of its rack, pulled by the line rigged to the harpoon. It bounds forward and into the sea, past Quint, who is already reloading, mounting another steel shaft. In the distance, the barrel bobs and skips violently in the water, dragged by the shark in his merciless moves.

THE FOREDECK - QUINT

QUINT  
Now you've done it, you piss-ant.  
Stop and rig a goddam tinker toy to my gear. Let the bastard fight the keg for a while. He can't stay down with that on.

Hooper, furious with himself, runs for the flying bridge to take the helm from Brody.

## THE FLYING BRIDGE, BRODY AND HOOPER

Hooper has snatched the wheel, and is ramming the throttle forward as he spins the wheel in a frantic 180 degree turn.

HOOPER

(to Quint)

Rig another keg! I'm bringing her around!

His eyes dart about the ocean, looking for the barrel, as he hot-dogs the ship around in a violent expression of his own disgust with himself.

HOOPER (CONT'D)

(to himself)

God damn it! We had him!

(to Quint)

I'm coming about!

He spins the wheel again, trying to make the big boat handle like a formula speedster. The decks tip and the rigging sways under the sudden strain. Brody is caught unaware, and tumbles off his feet, sliding across the deck to fetch up against a wall. the M1 Rifle is close to his hand. He stares at it.

## FROM THE FLYING BRIDGE

Hooper is anguished, intense, trying to find the shark, spinning the wheel, compounding his error, tipping the boat in rolling turns as he crosses his own wake. Quint has turned his back to the sea, and is in the pulpit looking up at Hooper, staring at him, excluding everything else.

As Quint folds his arms and stares at Hooper, we realize the sun is going down, and it's getting dark.

BRODY

Why don't we go in? Get another crack at him tomorrow.

QUINT

We got a barrel on him. We can't lose him. We stay out here until we find him.

Hooper throttles back, and the roar of the diesels subsides and the boat resumes an even keel, slowly circling the ocean.

BRODY

Let's call in -- we can radio and have a big boat here in an hour...

QUINT

(grim)

You hired me, remember? It's my  
\$10,000. It's my shark...

EXT. ORCA - OPEN SEA - NIGHT

Throttled back to slow ahead, the boat circles the water endlessly, staying over the shark like an avenging angel. Its running lights gleam in the night, and a glow lights the interior of the pilot house. A bright strobe glints on the water winking once like a firefly.

INT. PILOT HOUSE - NIGHT

Brody and Hooper at the table, Quint at the wheel, keeping his eye on the light.

QUINT

He's up again.

He corrects course slightly to keep the barrel buoy in sight.

Hooper is sitting at the table, morose. Brody is staring at a couple of open cans of beans or beef stew, or some other crappy rations Quint has on board. Dirty spoons stuck in the open cans show us this has not been a formal dinner. Quint fumbles on the chart shelf and produces some of his home brew.

He takes a pull, and hands it to Hooper, who takes a double.

Brody touches the fresh abrasion on his forehead, where the fishing rod caught him.

Quint bends forward and pulls his hair aside to show something near the crown.

QUINT (CONT'D)

That's not so bad. Look at this:  
...St. Paddy's Day in Knocko  
Nolans, in Boston, where some  
sunovabitch winged me upside the  
head with a spittoon.

Brody looks politely. Hooper stirs himself.

HOOPER

Look here.  
(extends a forearm)  
Steve Kaplan bit me during recess.

Quint is amused. He presents his own formidable forearm.

QUINT

Wire burn. Trying to stop a  
backstay from taking my head off.

HOOPER

(rolling up a sleeve)  
Moray Eel. Bit right through a wet  
suit.

Brody is fascinated. Quint and Hooper take a long pull from  
the bottle.

QUINT

Face and head scars come from  
amateur amusements in the bar room.  
This love line here...  
(he bends an ear forward)  
...that's from some crazy Frenchie  
come after me with a knife. I  
caught him with a good right hand  
right in the snot locker and laid  
him amongst the sweetpeas.

HOOPER

Ever see one like this?

He hauls up his pants leg, revealing a wicked white scar.

HOOPER (CONT'D)

Bull shark scraped me while I was  
taking samples...

QUINT

Nothing! A pleasure scar. Look here  
--

He starts rolling up his own dirty pants leg.

QUINT (CONT'D)

Slammed with a thresher's tail.  
Look just like somebody caressed me  
with a nutmeg grater...

Brody is drawn into their boasting comparisons. He secretly  
checks his own appendix scar, decides not to enter the  
contest.

HOOPER

I'll drink to your leg.

QUINT

And I'll drink to yours.

They toast each other. Brody looks around, sees the strobe blink once through the darkened window.

QUINT (CONT'D)  
Wait a minute, young fella. Look.  
Just look. Don't touch...

He starts lowering his pants to reveal a place on one hip where the tissue is scarred and irregular.

QUINT (CONT'D)  
...Mako. Fell out of the tail rope  
and onto the deck. You don't get  
bitten by one of those bastards but  
twice -- your first and your last.

HOOPER  
(considerably drunker)  
I think I can top that, Mister...

Hooper is pulling at his shirt, trying to get it off, but it's tangling its sleeves, and won't come undone.

HOOPER (CONT'D)  
Gimme a hand, here. I got something  
to show you --

Brody lends a hand. The shirt slips part way off.

HOOPER (CONT'D)  
(indicating his chest)  
There. Right there. Mary Ellen  
Moffit broke my heart. Let's drink  
to Mary Ellen.

The two men raise their mugs in a toast.

QUINT  
And here's to the ladies. And  
here's to their sisters; I'd rather  
one Miss than a shipload of  
Misters.

He drinks, Hooper follows.

QUINT (CONT'D)  
(shows belly)  
Look a' that -- Bayonet Iwo Jima.

BRODY  
(aside)  
C'mon. Middle appendix --

QUINT  
 (aside)  
 I almost had 'im.

Brody is looking at a small white patch on Quint's other forearm.

BRODY  
 (pointing)  
 What's that one, there?

QUINT  
 (changing)  
 Tattoo. Had it taken off.

HOOPER  
 Don't tell me -- 'Death Before  
 Dishonor.' 'Mother.' 'Semper Fi.'  
 Uhhh... 'Don't Tread on Me.' C'mon -  
 - what?

QUINT  
 'U.S.S Indianapolis.' 1944.

BRODY  
 What's that, a ship?

HOOPER  
 (incredulous)  
 You were on the Indianapolis? In  
 '45? Jesus...

Quint remembering.

CLOSE ON QUINT

QUINT  
 Yeah. The U.S.S. Indianapolis. June  
 29th, 1945, three and a half  
 minutes past midnight, two  
 torpedoes from a Japanese submarine  
 slammed into our side. Two or  
 three. We was still under sealed  
 orders after deliverin' the  
 bomb...the Hiroshima bomb...we was  
 goin' back across the Pacific from  
 Tinian to Leyte. Damn near eleven  
 hundred men went over the side. The  
 life boats was lashed down so tight  
 to make the bomb run we couldn't  
 cut a single one adrift. Not one.  
 And there was no rafts. None. That  
 vessel sank in twelve minutes. Yes,  
 that's all she took.

(MORE)

QUINT (CONT'D)

We didn't see the first shark till we'd been in the water about an hour. A thirteen-footer near enough. A blue. You measure that by judgin' the dorsal to the tail. What we didn't know... of course the Captain knew... I guess some officers knew... was the bomb mission had been so secret, no distress signals was sent. What the men didn't know was that they wouldn't even list us as overdue for a week. Well, I didn't know that -- I wasn't an officer -- just as well perhaps. So some of us were dead already -- in the water -- just hangin' limp in our lifejackets. And several already bleedin'. And the three hundred or so laying on the bottom of the ocean. As the light went, the sharks came crusin'. We formed tight groups -- somewhat like squares in an old battle -- You know what I mean -- so that when one come close, the man nearest would yell and shout and pound the water and sometimes it worked and the fish turned away, but other times that shark would seem to look right at a man -- right into his eyes -- and in spite of all shoutin' and poundin' you'd hear that terrible high screamin' and the ocean would go red, then churn up as they ripped him. Then we'd reform our little squares. By the first dawn the sharks had taken more than a hundred. Hard for me to count but more than a hundred. I don't know how many sharks. Maybe a thousand. I do know they averaged six men an hour. All kinds -- blues, makos, tigers. All kinds.

(Pause)

In the middle of the second day, some of us started to go crazy from the thirst.

(MORE)

QUINT (CONT'D)

One fella cried out he saw a river, another claimed he saw a waterfall, some started to drink the ocean and choked on it, and some left our little groups -- our little squares -- and swam off alone lookin' for islands and the sharks always took them right away. It was mainly the young fellas that did that -- the older ones stayed where they was. That second day -- my life jacket rubbed me raw and that was more blood in the water. Oh my. On Thursday morning I bumped up against a friend of mine -- Herbie Robinson from Cleveland -- a bosun's mate -- it seemed he was asleep but when I reached over to waken him, he bobbed in the water and I saw his body upend because he'd been bitten in half beneath the waist. Well Chief, so it went on -- bombers high overhead but nobody noticin' us. Yes -- suicides, sharks, and all this goin' crazy and dyin' of thirst. Noon the fifth day, Mr. Hooper, a Lockheed Ventura swung around and came in low. Yes. He did that. Yes, that pilot saw us. And early evenin', a big fat PBY come down out of the sky and began the pickup. That was when I was most frightened of all -- while I was waitin' for my turn. Just two and a half hours short of five days and five nights when they got to me and took me up. Eleven hundred of us went into that ocean -- three hundred and sixteen got out. Yeah. Nineteen hundred and forty five. June the

(pause) Anyway, we delivered the bomb.

EXT. OCEAN - NIGHT

Quint has just finished his story, and we are looking across the quiet night sea to the Orca slowly circling in the night, the warm light in the pilot house barely revealing the figures of the three men inside, the red and green running lights winking along the ship's flanks. We hear the distant boom and drawn-out hoot of a whale.

INT. ORCA PILOT HOUSE - NIGHT

BRODY  
What the hell?

HOOPER  
It's a whale out there.

There's a brief, eerie pause. Quint breaks the silence by muttering into song, which he slowly swells.

QUINT  
(singing)  
Show me the way to go home... I'm  
tired and I want to go to bed. I  
had a little drink about an hour  
ago, and it went right to my head.  
(etc.)  
Gradually, Hooper and Brody join  
in, and the pilothouse becomes a  
warm cozy place.

EXT. OCEAN

The Orca and its song in the night. In the foreground, the barrel and strobe light flash up into view, and behind them, the big dorsal fin surfaces, and glides ominously towards the ship.

INT. PILOT HOUSE

The song is continuing, and we hear the barest hint of a scraping sound from the hull deep beneath the men. Quint's eyes abruptly narrow as his sensitive ears are the first to hear the abrasion of his ship. Things vibrate on the shelves.

Quint stops singing, Hooper and Brody continue a duet. The scraping repeats, and Hooper now senses it. He drops out of the song, leaving Brody singing solo.

QUINT  
(quietly, to Hooper)  
Start the engines.

As Brody hears this and is about to stop singing, the boat is suddenly bumped from below, and the gentle scraping turns to a violent assault somewhere on the understructure of the vessel. Water bubbles up into the hold. Brody starts, and looks at the radio. He is about to move towards it when Quint's urgent instructions stop him.

QUINT (CONT'D)  
He's busting the shaft! Start the pump!

BRODY  
Where...?

QUINT  
The bilge pumps. There --

He leaves Brody in the pilot house, and runs onto the deck, grabbing his M-1 rifle as he goes. Brody hits a switch and we hear the pumps starting.

ANGLE ON THE ORCA

Hooper is on the flybridge, starting the engines, but the diesels sound wrong.

QUINT  
Cut the engines!

Hooper does.

HOOPER  
Rudder bearings?

The boat is assaulted again. Quint fires over the stern, emptying a clip into the water.

QUINT  
(to Brody)  
Get up forward! Watch for him!

Brody moves cautiously up to the bow.

QUINT (CONT'D)  
Keep your eyes open, Mr. Hooper!

Hooper stands ready on the bridge, Quint pacing the stern deck.

QUINT (CONT'D)  
Nobody sleeps! Nobody.

He jams a fresh clip into the M-1. The men scan the seas around them. Quint resumes their song, louder this time, more defiant.

QUINT (CONT'D)  
(sings)  
Show me the way to go home... I'm  
tired and I want to go to bed.  
(etc.)  
(MORE)

QUINT (CONT'D)  
Hooper and Brody join in from their  
respective positions.

EXT. OCEAN, WIDE ON THE ORCA

The men in place, singing, the water sparkling towards the horizon, the stars twinkling above. The sound of a distant whale in distant counterpoint.

EXT. THE ORCA - DAWN

Brody is at the wheel on the flying bridge, while Hooper and Quint have a hatch up on the stern, and are working together to repair the damaged rudder controls torn loose by the shark. Hooper is bucking the steel rod, while Quint is hammering away at the joint, trying to drive a new pin.

The engine is idling. Bits of iron clutter the deck, along with a few rough, outsized tools and greasy rags and gaskets.

QUINT  
More left rudder! More! Left hand  
down now, Chief.

Brody tries to comply.

HOOPER  
(shifting his grip)  
Lemme get a better angle on it.  
Now.

Quint hammers again.

QUINT  
He's bent the housing. You can hear  
it.

And we can. The Orca's diesels are no longer smooth. Brody suddenly sees something, and points.

BRODY'S POINT OF VIEW - THE WATER

The barrel is surfaced directly ahead of them, just off the port side. They are drifting up to it.

BRODY  
The barrel!

The strobe light winks at them. Quint holds up a hand:  
"Quiet!"

Everything stops as they watch the barrel coming slowly up on them.

QUINT

It's him.

He takes a killing lance from the rack. Hooper gets a boathook.

QUINT (CONT'D)

He's under the keg. Careful --

Hooper leans out gingerly, snagging the barrel with the hook.

It bobs lightly in the water, an innocent bystander. Hooper shifts his pole, takes hold of the rope, poling it in.

QUINT (CONT'D)

(suspicious)

Easy -- just want to goose him up.  
The minute he runs, drop it or  
you'll lose your hands.

Hooper gets the line and starts hauling it up. No resistance.

It comes easily over the transom into a coil on the deck. He and Quint exchange looks.

QUINT (CONT'D)

Here -- gimme. I don't see what  
he's been doin'.

WATER - ANGLE

Both men are draped over the side, their chins almost touching the water on the aft side. From the opposite starboard direction, fully unfastened from the barrel, comes the Great White. First the fin, then the conical nose and the upper border of wide, grinning teeth. It knifes through the water in absolute silence, propelling itself with tremendous speed toward the unsuspecting men.

CLOSE - BRODY

His instincts shine -- as does his newly-acquired sense of direction.

BRODY

(top of his lungs)  
Shark! Starboard!

CLOSE - HOOPER AND QUINT

They turn just in time, and a long spine-stretch saves them from instant decapitation.

The Great White passes the transom, the harpoon still in its side and trailing five feet of chewed-off cable. It rolls on its side and looks at them as it passes.

Past the stern the huge tail lashes out, ripping the rope out of Quint's hands, shearing a huge swath through the paint, peeling it off like a plane, taking one of the bronze letters out of "Orca." The shark begins an arc to sea, its fin cutting the water, and starts circling the boat. Quint notices his cut hand, palm bleeding, realizing how close he came to losing it.

QUINT  
 (to Hooper)  
 Haul in that rope -- it'll foul us!  
 (then to Brody on the  
 bridge)  
 Start the engine!

The diesels start with a terrible grinding.

QUINT (CONT'D)  
 Easy! It'll tear right out!

HOOPER  
 (hauling)  
 The shaft is giving.

Hooper slams the hatch, kicks the tools to one side, clearing the deck for action once again.

BRODY  
 (on bridge)  
 That's it! Radio in for help!

QUINT  
 Shut up! Just pump her out!

BRODY  
 (coming down off the  
 bridge)  
 Yeah, Captain, as soon as I make a  
 call.

Brody heads for the radio in the pilot house.

QUINT - CLOSE

A perfectly terrible look comes over him. He raises up and starts after Brody. Brody disappears into the cabin. Quint pauses outside and sees:

INSERT - QUINT'S LEAD-CENTERED BASEBALL BAT

his calloused hand grabs it up fiercely.

INT. RADIO SHACK

Brody picks up the radio, flicking on knobs and lights on the complex console.

QUINT (O.S.)  
Beg your pardon --

ANGLE - DOORWAY

Quint appears, silhouetted in the hot light of the door, raising his bat.

QUINT  
Duty first and pleasure after --

CLOSE - BRODY

looking up in horror, covering his face.

CLOSE - QUINT

Quint brings down the bat with all the strength he can summon.

Crash!

Sparks fly, lights blink and go out, plastic and sections of metal ricochet all over the cabin as Quint demolishes the ship-to-shore radio.

Quint takes a happy breath, winks at Brody and hands him the bat.

QUINT  
Excuse me!

Brody's adrenaline turns his fear into rage. His glasses are cracked or broken by flying pieces of radio. He seizes the bat, and pound the shattered radio for emphasis.

BRODY  
Some great idea! Now where are we?  
Some goddamn skipper you are.  
You're certifiable, y'know that?  
You're a real treat! Certifiable!  
Bananas!

His tirade is interrupted by an urgent bellow from Hooper.

CLOSE - HOOPER

Pointing at the fin.

HOOPER  
Coming right to us!

QUINT  
No -- comin' right at us! Slow  
ahead, he'll hit us head on --  
(the engine clanks)  
Slower! Throttle back ---

ANGLE - OVER THE BOW

QUINT  
(raising harpoon)  
Hard to port!

Hooper pulls the boat into a tight turn and Quint has a shot at the upward rolling flank. He sinks it with careful precision.

QUINT  
Try shakin' that out!

Brody emerges from the cabin as the rope zips overboard, and the barrel, changing over, catapults into the air before plunging into the ocean in a cloudy splash.

BRODY  
(shouting to Quint)  
Did you get him in the head?

QUINT  
(to Brody)  
No! No! No!  
(to Hooper)  
Swing around! After him!

ON THE FLYBRIDGE

Hooper can see the fin racing ahead of the barrel. Diving down. Up again -- Quint prepares another iron. Brody is digging in his bag. He comes up with his 2" .357 service revolver.

QUINT  
More gas... go to half! Get me  
right alongside him --

The engine thuds and knocks.

HOOPER  
 (shouting down)  
 We can't rev it up this high --

Suddenly the barrel gongs into the side of the Orca.

QUINT  
 Watch it!

Hooper skillfully avoids the speeding rope.

QUINT (CONT'D)  
 Atta boy!

Quint leans to one side, harpoon over his head. The Great White breaks water and...

QUINT (CONT'D)  
 Take two, they're small!

He sinks it deep. We hear shots. As the new rope whips out, Brody can be seen standing on the gunwale, in regulation police combat pistol stance, holding his .357 in both hands, firing at the shark's head.

Quint shakes his head in amused disbelief at this, as the barrel goes over.

HOOPER  
 (shouting at Brody)  
 Don't shoot him any more! He's  
 crazy on his own blood already!

BRODY  
 I can't stand here doing nothing!

QUINT  
 Order in the court!

WATER LEVEL ANGLE

He has seen the two barrels pop to the surface.

QUINT  
 (racing over)  
 Three'll do it! He's havin' trouble  
 with two!

He yells to Hooper and Brody as he swings behind the controls.

QUINT (CONT'D)  
 Grab yourselves a couple of poles!

Quint steers "Slow Ahead," engine protesting, as he maneuvers toward the moving barrels. Quint peers down, steering closer and closer.

QUINT (CONT'D)  
Get ready! Now snag 'em!

Together Brody and Hooper hook a barrel-rope and hold on for dear life as the shark changes course.

QUINT (CONT'D)  
Pull in the ropes and tie 'em onto  
the transom -- free ride.

Brody and Hooper pull in with all they are worth as Quint helps out by wheeling in a circle. He laughs to himself, enjoying the spectacle.

CLOSE - HOOPER

securing the rope to a cleat but allowing the barrel to hang overboard. Brody ties his now-perfect bowline adjacent cleat.

WIDE ANGLE - ORCA

The boat is jarred violently from side to side as the underwater force of the Great White jerks and heaves them to and fro, up and down, side to side...

ANGLE - HOOPER AND BRODY

are both torn off their feet as the boat is thrust forward.

FLYBRIDGE - QUINT

sees the fin ahead. It is pulling the boat.

QUINT  
Get tired! That's the idea! Here's  
a little reverse for you!

The shark leaps partially out of the water, and the sight is both horrifying and awesome. Its jaws break water, snapping at the ropes that have him snarled and frustrated.

Quint throws the Orca into neutral and shouts down:

QUINT (CONT'D)  
Haul in -- watch the prop!

With that, Quint slides down to the prow, putting another shaft onto his gun, finding satisfaction in its heft and balance. The shark can be seen directly ahead, threshing closer.

QUINT (CONT'D)  
Now! Untie 'em! Quick! He'll tear  
us to pieces.

He fires the iron, and the shark veers downward in a gushing shower of spray.

HOOPER AND BRODY

They are trying to untie from the cleats, but both ropes are stretched too taut. They jump out of the way, falling flat

on the deck as the ropes sweep over them, knocking over objects, skeetering across the deck. A tight jerking motion, and the Orca is dragged through the water -- backwards. And much too fast. Water is splashing up over the transom in its backward wake. The engines groan and complain.

QUINT  
Damn head is too far away. He's too  
big.

Wrenched to one side, Quint is knocked from his feet.

CLOSE - THE TWO CLEATS

A moment of slackness, and then a great surge of raw strength.

The rope snaps the cleats off, screws and splintered wood spraying -- and the barrels fly over the water. They disappear beneath the turbulent grey surface.

The three men, breathing heavily, bruised and pouring sweat, look out at the blank water.

ANGLE - OCEAN

Pop -- pop -- pop. One, two, three, the barrels surface -- ready for more.

QUINT  
(amazed at the shark's  
strength)  
He can't go so deep. Not with all  
those on him.

Brody looks down at his feet. There is salt water up to their shoe tops.

BRODY  
What about us?

QUINT  
(mentally assessing the  
damage)  
Have to pump her steady, s'all.

The barrels start a wide circle, each cuts through the water, pushing a wave before it and leaving a wake behind.

QUINT (CONT'D)  
(to Hooper)  
Follow him --  
(to Brody)  
You start pumpin' out here.

Quint tosses Brody the hand pump, then picks up his M-1, and checks the load.

HOOPER (O.S.)  
(on bridge)  
He's heading under -- !

QUINT  
(incredulously)  
No way! He can't!

ANGLE - OCEAN

The barrels approaching the Orca dip below the surface, one -  
- two -- three.

BRODY  
Where'd he go?

Brody looks around. Hooper on the flying bridge searching in all directions. Quint is looking more appalled every second.

QUINT  
(helplessly)  
He can't stay down with three  
barrels on him! Where is he?!

BRODY  
Have you ever had one do this?

QUINT  
(and he means this)  
No!

Booming thud at the keel. Brody slides on the wet deck and Quint loses his footing, falling into Brody's arms.

## WITH HOOPER ON THE FLY BRIDGE

It seems the only place out of reach of the shark. Quint climbs up, Brody following him, reloading his pistol.

Just then, the barrels pop up ahead, veer left, and duck under.

QUINT  
Follow him!

HOOPER  
He's under!

## BRODY AND HIS POINT OF VIEW

BRODY  
There!  
(points wildly)  
The barrels have surfaced and we see the monster shadow sliding under the Orca, seemingly endless. Violent scraping sounds.

BRODY  
He's trying to sink us!

QUINT  
(to Hooper)  
Dead astern! Zig-zag!

Quint is grimly silent. Brody senses that Quint is in the fight of (and for) his life.

The Orca taking evasive action. But the three barrels are closing the gap, the engines coughing and missing, destroying themselves with every rotation of the damaged shaft.

BRODY  
He's chasing us! I

don't believe it.

QUINT  
Full throttle! To port!

## ANGLE ON THE BRIDGE

Hooper is jamming the throttle forward, but the engine is pounding and knocking wildly. The barrels circle and move in. Quint has his rifle ready.

HOOPER  
                  (suddenly giving Quint  
                  the wheel)  
          Hold her.

He leaps to his gear, trying desperately to get his dart gun.

Just then, the shark attacks, breaking water and rising over the boat like a rocket; snout, jaws, pectoral fins, belly, falling sideways. A vast spray drenches the men. Quint fires into the belly, the bullets pocking the smooth whiteness.

                  HOOPER (CONT'D)  
                  (loading)  
          Keep him there! Keep him!

The Orca shudders from side to side. From Hooper's point of view we can see the shark gripping the transom in his jaws, shaking the boat as he saws his massive head from side to side, trying to tear a chunk out of the very hull. Quint has reloaded and is firing into the fish. Brody has a wicked pointed gaff, and is swinging wildly at the snout, gashing and gouging it, trying for the eyes. The killing lust is on all three men.

                  QUINT  
          Throttling back!

The boat surges, the shark gives a final unbalanced wrench, and disengages. The dorsal fin circles off, beginning a wide loop around the boat.

The engine quivers and dies, the boat without power, rolling half awash, a wounded victim.

The fin dips, the barrels follow, the shark disappears beneath the waves. There is complete silence.

THE THREE MEN ON DECK

In the dead quiet, we can hear the lap of waves against the hull, the hoarse panting breathing of the men, the pings and pops of the cooling, dying engines.

QUINT AND THE TRANSOM

He eyes the stern. Huge cracks and broken timber testify to the fury of the attack.

                  QUINT  
                  (very quietly, to Hooper)  
          What can that gun of yours do?

HOOPER

Power head with 20 ccs of strychnine nitrate. If I can hit him. I can kill him. But I gotta be close. Very close.

BRODY

(the awful realization)  
You gotta go in the water...

CUT TO:

ON DECK, LATER

Quint and Hooper are assembling the shark cage, its shiny bars the only undamaged things on deck. Brody is working too, bolting the sections together.

HOOPER

(in command now)  
Rig the cable to the roof eyebolts.

The men are speaking in near whispers, quiet in the silence that surrounds them. Hooper is in his wet suit, adjusting weights, mask, tanks, etc. The cage is standing in the stern.

Quint runs a line from the gin pole to the roof section.

Hooper climbs in though the top.

HOOPER (CONT'D)

Take me up.

Brody cranks the winch, hoisting cage and Hooper into the air. Quint balances the gin pole lines, Hooper crouching in the cage, examining it for stresses; satisfied, he holds out his hand. Quint puts the spear gun into it.

CLOSE ON HOOPER IN THE CAGE

He examines his weapon, checking the power load, with the big wicked-looking syringe head uncapped to reveal its razor point.

HOOPER

Lower away, Chief.  
(then, to Quint)  
Try and keep him off me till I'm under.

Hooper inside, looking out the bars of the cage, gives Brody a reassuring smile, then pops his mouthpiece between his teeth and checks his regulator.

Brody steps back, and with Quint guiding the cage, begins lowering it off the gin pole boom arm into the sea alongside the boat.

Brody and Hooper stare at each another as their faces pass, Hooper sliding down into the cold grey ocean.

As Hooper disappears beneath the surface, Quint and Brody exchange a long look between them.

UNDERWATER - CAGE

HOOPER'S POINT OF VIEW

Submerging. The sky, horizon, water line, clean fresh sea air then... the magnificent innerspaces, with bubbles sparkling in front of us.

ANGLE - HOOPER IN THE CAGE

as he floats to twenty feet Hooper never stops looking around degrees. He removes the rubber guard from the needle and waits.

EXT. THE SURFACE - BRODY AND QUINT

Their turning heads tell us that the barrels are still circling.

Suddenly, both heads stop turning.

THE SEA

The barrels have come to a stop.  
Delicately, they change course and  
meander toward the lowered cage.

UNDERWATER - HOOPER

His back is to us. He is just now completing a visual sweep and turns, eyes front into closeup and: fixes wildly on something monstrous... and fascinating.

HOOPER'S POINT OF VIEW

The water is clear and shafts of sunlight streak downward in the blue. From the deep gloom -- diving slowly, smoothly -- comes the shark. It moves with no apparent effort, sinuous beyond comparison. As it nears the cage, it turns, and its ghastly length passes right in front of him: first the snout, then the jaw, slack and smiling, then the black eye.

Hooper tentatively reaches out. It is too far for the strychnine pole.

The vinyl flesh is pocked with bullet holes, iron scars, gaffing hooks and strange open wounds that tinge the passing currents with pink.

SURFACE

The trailing barrels gong and  
scratch the keel of the Orca above.  
Brody and Quint leap back.

HOOPER - CLOSE

The shark has vanished into a cloud of rising silt. Hooper, expecting the shark to attack out of that same general direction, braces himself, pole extended through the bars, breathing faster, straining his eyes into the gloom and... we see that the shark attacking from behind him.

The cage is sent careening. Hooper grabs the bars for dear life. The shark has grabbed the steel struts in its brutal jaws, shaking the cage relentlessly from side to side, bending the bars like clothes hangers. Hooper can't turn the pointed end of the pole around, his body jammed as far away from the non-rational attacker as possible.

Hooper is trapped.

The shark withdraws to get some running room then charges again. The bleeding snout thrust deeper into the yawing bars, the jaws snapping and twisting, two feet from Hooper's torso, the tail thrusting it forward. Hooper drops the strychnine pole between the bars and it tumbles slowly toward rapture depth.

All the shark needs is one more good thrust before separating Hooper at the waistline. Through frantic bubbles Hooper fumbles with the overhead hatch cover, kicking up and out of the cage. The shark backpedals with its tail, but the broad head won't shake loose.

Hooper rushes downwards, after the strychnine pole.

ANGLE - SHARK

The shark twists free of the cage and arrows downward after Hooper.

Hooper nearly recovers the pole. Again it slips from his frightened grasp and this time disappears into a narrow abyss. Hooper turns and looks up.

The Great White is lunging at him, twenty feet above.

## SURFACE

One of the barrel ropes snakes around the cage rope and pulls taut.

HOOPER - DEEP

Turning to meet the monster which -- though held back for a moment by the snarled rope -- now surges forward.

SURFACE - BRODY AND QUINT

The Orca is listing dangerously aft, the ginpole bent almost to the breaking point. Brody is in a frenzy trying to haul up the cage. Quint attaches the end of Brody's rope to a hand-winch. The ginpole is splitting.

QUINT

Let go of it!

The pole gives way, the rope whipping down on the gunwale... the pulling of the tonnage below is tipping the Orca, dragging it, but Quint won't give up the winch. Brody hauls on the rope barehanded.

UNDERWATER - HOOPER

maneuvering downward, away from the jaws... Suddenly the crazed shark veers upward for the surface.

SURFACE - QUINT

The winch is working faster now, Quint demonically winding it in. The crushed cage bangs against the hull then breaks water.

Brody is horrified. The cage is empty!

QUINT

(a horrible scream)  
He's comin' up -- !

BRODY

He's taken him!

MASTER ANGLE

The shark breaks water right beside the Orca, rising with a great whooshing noise. It rises vertically, towering overhead, blocking out the sun. The pectoral fins seem to reach forward.

(MORE)

## MASTER ANGLE (CONT'D)

The shark, in all of its monstrous glory, falls onto the stern of the boat with a shattering crash, narrowly missing Quint and Brody. It drives the stern underwater, the ocean pours in over the transom. The jaws snap from side to side. Brody flounders backwards away from it.

## CLOSE - BRODY

He is clinging to the mast for dear life, as the ship begins to tilt to stern, and everything starts to break loose around him.

## NIGHTMARE ANGLE - DECK OF THE ORCA

The giant jaws are snapping irresistibly at everything: great chunks of wood torn out of the deck and superstructure.

Deck chair, irons, rope, gear, beercans, bottles, Brody's bag, all are food for the insatiable maw blindly churning away.

Quint is clinging next to a rack of lances: he is enraged at this ultimate violation of his territory. He snatches up a lance and hurls himself at the shark with a wordless bellow.

The great head weaves side to side, the deck is at a treacherous incline, slippery with blood and seawater. Quint's footing falters and slips, he stumbles at the Mouth of Hell, the big teeth seize him and snap.

Quint's roar of rage and pain is choked off as his body is clamped between the grinding, sawing teeth, and his head and legs suddenly contort as the shark's teeth meet across his torso. Blood gushes onto the deck. The remnants of his body tumble from the shark's mouth.

Brody sees the horror, hears the screams -- in his desperation, he tears loose one of Hooper's remaining air tanks, and hurls it at the monster. It tumbles into the bloody well, wedging across the back of the mouth, the thick steel blocking the cruel jaws.

The shark's head shakes even more violently, trying to clear the cold iron, but the tank is in to stay.

## DECK OF THE ORCA, LISTING BADLY

To avoid sliding into the jaws, Brody scrambles on the titling deck, bracing himself in the cabin door to avoid pitching down into the bloody mouth. He fights his way into the cabin, already a shambles.

Below him, on the deck, the shark lunges again, shifting weight so that the boat is now stern down, and listing to the side. Water from the sea pours into the cabin.

Another lunge by the shark. The huge snout and jaws slam up against the doorframe, blocking escape, bloody, gnashing.

More seawater. To stay in the cabin is to go down with the ship.

Brody clambers as far from the shark as he can, against the forward wall of the pilothouse. He sees the window Hooper used before. It's blocked by barrels and debris. He breaks the side window highest above the water, edges out onto the battered bridge.

The shark rolls around, now half in the water. The ship is sinking, the sea is not a viable alternative. Brody climbs up into the flying bridge.

The shark is still lunging and snapping. Brody is forced to climb higher and higher as the ship slowly sinks beneath him.

## CLOSE - BRODY

He scrambles for his life onto the flying bridge, sees the M-stuck there, seizes it.

## OVER BRODY, LOOKING DOWN AT THE STERN

He is bracing himself, aiming the rifle, taking a bead on the steel tanks, silver gleaming in the bloody shark's mouth. He fires. And fires. Bullets shatter the shark's teeth, punching holes in the dripping snout.

## WIDE ON THE ORCA , EXPLOSION

With a muffled boom, the perfect symmetry of the shark is suddenly blown apart in a geyser of steel and blood as Brody's shot hits the pressurized tank. A 30-foot cloud of water, steel, shark and debris covers the sky.

A gigantic convulsion hurls the Great White's mangled body into the sea. The Orca slowly begins to turn over in its death roll.

## UNDERWATER

The shark's carcass floating down  
in a cloud of blood and debris.

A shadow clouds the waters, and the Orca's mass begins to  
slip into the frame.

CLOSE - HOOPER

Emerging from beneath the surface, he raises his mask, spits  
out his mouthpiece and kicks toward Brody.

SURFACE - BRODY AND HOOPER

Brody is holding onto a cushion, barely afloat, relieved the  
shark is dead, yet stunned to see Hooper is still alive. The  
two men share weak laughter, which soon trails off.

HOOPER

Quint...?

BRODY

No...

(notices something O.S.)

You think we can get back with  
those?

SURFACE - BRODY AND HOOPER - ANOTHER ANGLE

They swim through the debris, using two barrels as floats,  
as dozens of seagulls feast on shark remains on the surface.

BRODY

What day is this?

HOOPER

Wednesday... No, it's Tuesday, I  
think.

BRODY

Think the tide's with us?

HOOPER

Just keep kicking.

BRODY

Y'know, I used to hate the water...

HOOPER

I can't imagine why.

DISSOLVE TO:

HIGH SHOT FROM SHORE

The two tiny, miserable heroes swim ashore as the credits roll.

FADE OUT:

THE END