

“THE INCREDIBLE HULK (SCREENPLAY)”

Chapter 1

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EXT. a dirty New York Alleyway - Magic Hour

The CAMERA opens up on a dirty New York alley caught in the evening twilight. The alley is lined with overflowing dumpsters and the makeshift carton houses of the homeless. THREE HOBOS chat and warm themselves around a garbage can open fire. BRUCE BANNERS voice over the action.

BRUCE BANNER

(V/O whisper)

Breathe. Just breathe. That simple. Slow breath. Slow heart. No need to be angry. Thier not the ones you're angry at Bruce.

A lone figure in a trench coat approaches the three, warming has hands at the fire.

Hobo 1

Gonna be a cold one.

Hobo 2

Winds come up.

HOBO 3

Maybe snow.

HOBO 1

Maybe a storm.

HOBO 3

Nice pants fella. I had a pair of pants like that. When I was a man.

HOBO 2

Don't listen to Stan, he's crazy.

HOBO 3

I like pants.

The Lone figure

Einstein only ever had one pair of pants. He had a closet filled with them.

HOBO 2

Thems got tears Stan.

HOBO 1

The mission'll see to those for ya fella. They'll find you some shoes to.

HOBO 2

Skinny boy like you won't last long in the cold.

The lone figure is revealed to be BRUCE BANNER, barefoot and bare (hollow) chested, in torn purple pants, a trench coat and bare feet.

BRUCE BANNER

It's alright. I don't feel the cold much.

The CAMERA moves with Banner as he walks on up the alleyway into the increasing dark. The CAMERA moves uncomfortably close to his face through the voice over and looks as though it might pass right inside Banner's head. Banner looks like a wreck. All voice overs run together with snippets jumping out.

BRUCE BANNER

(V/O)

Don't feel much. Can't afford to feel. Don't let him out. Not yet. He'll come soon anyway. One of him. It's almost night. I can feel them rattling at my cage. I know what they want.

GREY Hulk

(V/O)

I hate New York. Nothin' worse than a tin of sardines with bad attitudes. Unless you're a shark that is. C'mon Banner, let me out you know you want to. Don't feel much, ha! I can feel you want to. I am the feeling you want to! Let me out! It's either me or him. Soon you won't get to choose.

Green Hulk

Hate Banner, hate puny Banner. Thinks he's better than Hulk. Makes Hulk mad. But the madder hulk gets, the stronger hulk gets. Hate Banner. HATE BANNER. Rwaa!

Banner stops and winces. He can see the sun about to set. The Green Hulks roar fades into nothing.

Cut to:

EXT. The end of the alleyway - magic time

At the very end of the alleyway set into a brick wall and lit by a solitary street light is a door guarded by THE RHINO, a man mountain, dressed in a tuxedo and rhino horned headpiece. The Rhino see's Banner.

The Rhino

Heeey! It's the wimp.

BRUCE BANNER

(V/O)

Don't make me angry.

Banner approaches.

THE RHINO

You got something for us, wimp?

Banner's eyes narrow.

BRUCE BANNER

(V/O)

You wouldn't like me when I'm angry.

THE RHINO

Hay! I'm talkin' to you.

The Rhino moves Nose to nose with Banner.

THE RHINO

Problem, wimp?

BRUCE BANNER

I don't answer to you. Where's the Russian?

The Rhino backs off. He opens the door, there is dark silence inside.

THE RHINO

In the back. You afraid of the dark?

Banner walks into the darkness.

The RHINO

(To himself.)

Who's your tailor sweetheart?

He closes the door.

THE RHINO

Wimp.

The sun sets. The Rhino lights a cigar, takes a deep and satisfying drag, and puffs out the smoke. The door and wall explode behind him, the force propelling The Rhino into the CAMERA. The debris settles. The heaving silhouette of THE HULK appears through the smoke and screaming. He roars and leaps into the CAMERA.

CUT TO:

Title - The Incredible hulk

CUT TO:

INT. Banner's secret lab - day

During the credit sequence, (with music updated from the opening sequence of the original T.V Series) a montage of Banner building a Gamma Ray Machine, mixing chemicals, testing the equipment and writing his findings. The Credit sequence concludes.

Cut to

I/E. Banner's secret lab/the desert/space - day

The CAMERA settles on Banner's computer monitor. The screen's message reads - "Have secret recipe, ready to bake." The screen changes to "Sending..." as the CAMERA moves up from the screen through the ceiling of the lab, through 100 feet of solid rock to the arid desert floor. There are no signs of life in this dead place. The CAMERA moves up again into space where we hear the email message being transmitted through an orbiting satellite. The satellite crashes into a massive spacecraft, OMNIVAC.

CUT TO:

INT. Omnivac - day

In stark metallic room a figure sits in a control seat working an elaborate computer terminal. His face remains hidden, though in the shadow we can see the outline of his mutated head. There is a pleasant chime. Omnivac's voice

comes over the speakers.

Omnivac

Report. Target designate found. Instructions?

Out of the shadows a pair of thin green lips sneer.

THE LEADER

Begin.

CUT TO:

I/E. Omnivac/MIT Lab

The sound of Omnivac re-transmitting the message as the CAMERA moves back down to earth to an MIT lab.

CUT TO:

INT. Betty's Lab - Day

A "You have mail..." message blinks on Betty's computer screen. BETTY appears reflected in the screen. The screen changes to the message "Have secret recipe, ready to bake." Betty's eyes light up. DR KATHERINE WAYNESBORO appears over Betty's shoulder.

DR Waynesboro

What's it for?

Betty

Brownies.

DR WAYNESBORO

I love brownies. Save me one from your next batch.

BETTY

Sure.

Betty turns off the computer.

BeTTY

Coffee?

DR WAYNESBORO

Not for me. I change into an entirely different person.

Betty just smiles and leaves the lab.

CUT TO:

EXT. mIT LAB - Day

Betty exits the building, almost running. She jumps into her jeep and speeds away.

CUT TO:

INT. Dr Waynesboro's office - Day

Dr Waynesboro watches Betty leave through her office window. She picks up the phone.

DR WAYNESBORO

We are go.

DisSOLVE TO:

EXT. bANNER'S SECRET LAB - Day

Heat rises from the desert floor. The ground shakes with a slow intermitant booming sound.

CUT TO:

InT. bANNER'S SECRET LAB - Day

The booming sound is deafening inside the lab. Banner rushes back and forth desperately connecting machinery wires and aiming his Gamma Ray Projector toward a solid concrete wall. The wall vibrates with every boom. The CAMERA passes through the wall. On the other side huge green fists pound into the wall. THE INCREDIBLE HULK growls and pounds at the wall bellowing at Banner on the other side.

HULK

Let Hulk go! You cannot hold Hulk! Hulk is stronger than you! Do you here me Banner? Puny Banner! Let Hulk go!!

BRUCE BANNER

No! Never never again! You've ruled my life for too long, Hulk. You've stolen from me everything I ever cared for, ever loved. Well no more Hulk! You're finally caged, finally imprisoned. And you're going to stay that way Hulk. Stay locked away where you'll never hurt anyone, ever again!

Banner makes final adjustments to the Gamma Ray Projector and powers it up.

HULK

Hah! Puny Banner is a fool! Puny Banner has always been a fool! Look around you puny banner. You may have locked Hulk in this tiny room but you are locked away too! You have no life without Hulk!

BRUCE BANNER

M-maybe you're right Hulk! But what does that matter? Perhaps I deserve no better. I brought you into the world, Hulk, I can keep you out of it! I owe that much to the world. To-

A huge boom. A crack appears in the wall.

BRUCE BANNER

Oh no.

He backs away and turns to run as the wall explodes, knocking Banner off his feet. The Hulk moves toward Banner, who is paralyzed by fear.

HULK

Yes! Hulk is free again. And Hulk will smash you Banner!

The Hulk throws a punch at Banner, missing him and hitting the wall. The wall explodes revealing a tight passage to the desert surface. Banner manages to squeeze into the passage.

HULK

Banner! You won't escape that easily! You won't escape at all.

In a feat of power the Hulk reaches into the passage and pulls apart the solid rock separating him and Banner.

CUT TO:

EXT. bANNER'S SECRET LAB - day

Banner runs in panic away from the smoking chasm in the earth. As he runs a flash of green leaps into the air. The Hulk lands on top of Banner, pinning him to the ground, crushing his head into the ground with his mighty hand.

HULK

Yes puny Banner, yes! Hulk is not a demon you can run and hide from! Hulk is you! Hulk is your own dark thoughts. Your anger, your rage! Now Hulk will-

Banner has disappeared out of Hulks grasp. He appears, ten feet away.

HULK

Banner! How did you get over there? Stupid Banner! Always has tricks. This time Hulk will not talk. Hulk will-

Hulk leaps toward Banner, but banner disappears again, this time reappearing 100 feet away. The Hulk hesitates.

HULK

Hulk does not understand.

The Hulk sprints toward Banner, but Banner keeps shifting further away.

HULK

Hulk will chase you! Hulk will catch you.

Hulk can no longer see Banner. He falls to his knees.

HULK

Banner is gone. Hulk cannot think.

DisSOLVE TO:

INT. BANNER'S SECRET LAB - Day

Banner is asleep. His eyes open very peacefully. There is a determination set in his face. He rises.

TO BE CONTINUED...