THE TWILIGHT ZONE

Season Three

"To Serve Man"

Teleplay by

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1. **Standard road opening** With vehicle smashing into letters, propulsion into starry night, then PAN DOWN TO OPENING SHOT OF PLAY.

2. **Film clip U.N. building [Day]**

3. **INT. GENERAL ASSEMBLY [DAY]**

   A giant cavernous room, at this moment absolutely empty and devoid of sound.

   DISSOLVE TO:


   **SERLING'S VOICE**
   
   This is the General Assembly of the United Nations at four o'clock in the afternoon on a given day. Kindly note: the room is empty. But this is due not to a long lunch hour, not to the end of the world, and not to any labor trouble on the ambassadorial level. The representatives of the nations of the world are at this moment watching their television sets and listening to their radios much as are the people in the countries they represent throughout the earth.

   DISSOLVE TO:

5. **Large double oaken doors** With the title printed on them on a brass plate, "Secretary General."

   **SERLING'S VOICE**
   
   For as we will soon see...this is a rather momentous afternoon.

   ABRUPT CUT TO:

6. **INT. SECRETARY GENERAL'S OFFICE EXTREMELY TIGHT CLOSE SHOT SECRETARY'S FACE**

   Perspiring, haggard, torn. The CAMERA PULLS BACK for a shot of the room, loaded with reporters, tv cameras, and a myriad collection of shouting, gesturing, milling people. Cameramen keep shouting to the secretary to turn this way and that way for a better shot. Radio technicians keep thrusting microphones closer to his face and throughout, the Secretary
pleads, exhorts, supplicates for a semblance of sanity in the room.

SECRETARY
Please, gentlemen. Please. May we have quiet, please? Would you give me your attention?

7. Different angle the room As U.N. guards move around, desperately trying to bring quiet. In this shot we see a long line of interpreters, each sitting in front of their own small table with a microphone.

8. Different angle Secretary General As he rises.

SECRETARY (CONT'D)
((over the growing quiet)
I have a prepared statement. I say,
I have a prepared statement...
(louder now)
May I read it now, please? Would you give me your attention, please?

At this point quiet gradually takes hold and all eyes are on him as he rises and picks up a typewritten sheet. He dabs at the perspiration on his forehead and grips the paper more tightly to stop his fingers from trembling.

SECRETARY (CONT'D)
Ladies and gentlemen...ladies and gentlemen...I should like to recapitulate the events of the past eleven days.

The CAMERA MOVES ACROSS THE ROOM to move down the row of interpreters as each, in his native tongue, starts to simultaneously translate the Secretary's announcement.

CUT TO:

9. Close shot Secretary General

SECRETARY (CONT'D)
On the Fourteenth of March short-wave broadcasts were received in the principal capitals of the world. These messages very obviously did not originate on Earth. This has been scientifically attested to. Rather, they came from an extraterrestrial race calling themselves the Kanamits. The first messages were somewhat cryptic, announcing merely that there would be multiple landings made at various points around the Earth. We were
SECRETARY

further told that these landings would be peaceable and that we should take no alarm. These...these broadcasts continued over the past several days, each growing somewhat stronger than its predecessor.

10. Pan shot around the faces of the people In the room. The drone of the interpreters' voices continues underneath.

11. Back to scene

SECRETARY (CONT'D)

At eleven this morning, eastern standard time, the first of these landings took place in an area just outside of Newark, New Jersey. We have subsequently had reports of other landings in the Soviet Union, in Norway, the southern coast of France, in an area around Rio de Janeiro, and several others. As of this moment we have not seen the occupants of the crafts that have landed. Speaking on behalf of the United Nations, I can tell you only that at this moment it would be premature to assume hostile intent on the part of these...those Kanamits. So it is the position of the United Nations that the world population remain calm...to make no hostile move...and to keep in mind that all governments are being appraised of the events as they happen and have the situation well in-

REPORTER #1

What do they look like?

CUT TO:

12. Full shot the room As several other people take up this shout.

REPORTER #1 & REPORTER #2

Yeah, what do they look like? Why are they coming? Who are they?

13. Different angle Secretary General Who holds up his hands.

SECRETARY

Please, gentlemen. Please. As of this moment we do not know what they look like or who they are. We know (MORE)
SECREARY (CONT'D)

only that several of their craft
have landed and that-

CUT TO:

14. Long shot across the room of the double doors As they
suddenly swing open and several guards enter along with a
man in a civilian suit, obviously some kind of dignitary. He
rushes across the room over to the Secretary General and
whispers something in his ear.

REPORTER #2

What's going on? What's happening?

Again various voices take up this question.

15. Close shot Secretary General As he mops his brow again.

SECRETARY

It seems that...it seems that one of
the craft has just landed a few blocks
away. One of the...one of the
representatives is on his way to
this building.

(he wipes his brow
again)

It appears that he-

(he turns to the
dignitary again,
wets his lips,
whispers something
in the other man's
ear, gets something
whispered back in
turn, then faces the
room again)

The...the "Kanamit" will be here
presently. He has requested an
audience with this organization.

He looks at the dignitary again who nods and then looks at
the clock. PAN OVER TO CLOCK then PAN BACK OVER for a shot
of the Secretary General who takes a deep breath and sits
down.

SECRETARY (CONT'D)

So for the moment I would ask you
again to all remain calm. One of
our...our "visitors" will very shortly
make himself known.

16. Pan shot around the faces again Winding up on a shot of
the double doors which have been closed, but which suddenly
begin to open. PAN BACK ACROSS THE ROOM, past the silent,
tense faces until we are once again on the Secretary General.
The silence is suddenly broken by the creaking doors.
17. Different angle the Secretary at this desk As a giant shadow crosses it. The Secretary General, eyes widening, looks first eye level, then slowly raises his eyes.

18.-21. Several shots of the people in the room As they too lift their eyes. Over this we hear the clump, clump, clump of footsteps as they enter the room.

22. Long shot across the room Of the Secretary General as he slowly rises and into the frame, obliterating the camera, is the giant back of the Kanamit who walks very slowly and purposefully toward the desk at the far end of the room. All we can tell from the rear is that this is a vast hulk of a being over ten feet tall.

SLOW FADE TO BLACK: OPENING BILLBOARD-FIRST COMMERCIAL-FADE ON:

23. INT. SECRETARY GENERAL'S ROOM [DAY] CLOSE SHOT THE KANAMIT'S FINGERS

Drumming on the table. The perspective here is that of a huge hand on a very small surface. The CAMERA PULLS BACK for a shot of the Kanamit sitting in a chair several sizes too small for him. (Note: We never see the "creature" at the same time as the actual people and are reminded of his size in his relationships to other objects like chairs, tables, ashtrays, etc.) The CAMERA MOVES AROUND for a shot of the profile of the Kanamit. He is vast, all-enveloping, and when he finally does turn toward the camera, we see that his face, while humanoid in general appearance, is almost as if someone had been sculpturing if and had left the job prematurely. It has two eyes, very wide apart, a small opening that passes for a nose, and a tiny, almost imperceptible circular hole that passes for mouth. But when the creature speaks the face remains immobile and the voice has a tinny, recorded quality. It looks slowly around the room, then holds up a right hand in the traditional gesture of peace.

**KANAMIT**

Ladies and gentlemen of the Earth, we greet you in peace and friendship. We come from a planet far beyond the known universe. A planet far more developed than Earth, but we come as friends. Our...

(the creature turns away as if searching for a word)

Our intentions are honorable. We desire above all things to help the people of Earth. To establish...

(MORE)
KANAMIT (CONT'D)
(again he looks off 
and slowly reaches
down and takes out a
small booklet which
he refers to. He
then nods lumberingly,
looks back up)
...embassies here and in the near
future to set up reciprocal visits
between Earth people and Kanamits.

24. Pan shot around the room As there is a buzz of questions,
reactions, and most basically - concerns.

25. Close shot Secretary General Who rises in his chair.

SECRETARY
Speaking on behalf of the governments
of the people of Earth, we bid you
welcome.
(he bites his lip)
You...aah...you have a name?

26. Close shot

KANAMIT
Not in the accepted sense, so you
need not make reference to me by
name. But feel free to ask me any
questions. Any question at all, of
any nature.

27. Shot Secretary General From behind the Kanamit,
emphasizing the size.

SECRETARY
We have many questions. But for the
moment I think we are most interested
in first, how you discovered us, how
you know our language, the nature of
your own planet, its political and
social makeup-

28. Close shot Kanamit As its eyes blink.

KANAMIT
First of all - we must make the
following admission. We do not know
your language. And further...our own
methods of communication are mental
rather than verbal. Hence, the voice
you hear me speaking with is totally
mechanical. Your words, or rather
your thoughts, are fed into an
automatic translator and my responses
are in turn electronically altered
(MORE)
KANAMIT (CONT'D)
to simulate those vocal sounds and
language known to you.

Secretary You cannot speak, then.

KANAMIT (CONT'D)
Speak.
(he looks away)
Speak.
(then back to Secretary)
Not in the sense that you Earth people
can speak. But as to the other
questions, our planet is not known
to you astronomically. It lies far
beyond your knowledgeable universe.
But it is a technological, highly
advanced planet. Its political and
social make-up is highly complex and
I cannot describe it to you without
first educating you in some of the
basics of our mores and habits.

29. Close shot Secretary General As he slowly sits down.

SECRETARY
Would you be willing to be
interrogated here at our United
Nations in a special plenary session,
at which time all our nations'
representatives could make inquiries
of you?


KANAMIT
I would be...delighted.

31. Film clip general assembly [Day] Long angle shot looking
down This time loaded to the rafters with people, each desk
occupied.

32. Pan shot across the desks
Taking in the names of countries and the tense, urgent-faced
representatives of each.

33. Close shot the podium As the Secretary General rises and
bangs the gavel. Then he turns toward his left.

SECRETARY
Would you lower the screen, please.
34. Close shot section of room As a giant screen is lowered and after a moment the figure of the Kanamit, blown up into tremendous room-sized proportions, appears.

CUT TO:

35. SHOT OF THE GALLERY

As they react.

CUT TO:

36. Secretary General

SECRETARY (CONT'D)
Members of the General Assembly, our visitors...the Kanamits...have graciously acceded to our request that they appear in front of us to answer any questions. We felt it would be more practical to televise the...the representative in order to facilitate the questioning. This meeting is hereby called to order and the questioning will proceed.

(then looking over the sea of faces in front of him)
Senor Valdes of Argentina is recognized.

37. Close shot delegate Valdes As he rises.

VALDES
Precisely why have you chosen our planet for a visit?

CUT TO:

38. Television screen The Kanamit's head drops forward, then looks up.

KANAMIT
It has come to our attention that Earth has been plagued by both natural and unnatural catastrophes, all of which could easily be acted upon and prevented. We are here to help you.

CUT TO:

39. Secretary General

SECRETARY
Recognizing Dr. Denis LeVeque, the representative of France.

CUT TO:
40. The delegate who rises

**LEVEQUE**
Monsieur...my government wishes me to ask you the nature of your help. What forms will it take? Indeed, if we should not prefer to avail ourselves of these various aids that you mentioned - your response would be what?

41. Close shot screen As the Kanamit reaches down and checks the booklet, then looks up.

**KANAMIT**
We will not force anything on you. You will take only that which you choose to take. For example...on the morrow-

(he checks the booklet again)

Tomorrow that is, we will demonstrate to all interested parties a new and extremely interesting power source which is atomic in nature and which can supply a form of electric power to entire countries for the cost of a few...

(he looks down at his booklet again)

A few dollars...or rubles...or pesos...or what have you. It's extremely economical.

42. Close shot Secretary General Suddenly hearing a loud voice, looks over the faces.

**SECRETARY**
Mr. Gregori, the delegate from the Soviet Union.

43. CLOSE SHOT GREGORI

A bald, paunchy man with a sizeable chip on his shoulder, who rises and gestures fiercely as he speaks.

**GREGORI**
The people of the Soviet Union should like to ask the Kanamits precisely...I repeat that to him...precisely what are its motives in coming here quite uninvited. Are we to assume that your purposes are so totally altruistic that you have a singular and abiding interest in helping others, and may we further assume there is nothing ulterior in these (MORE)
There's a murmur of reaction in the room as we CUT TO:

44. CLOSE SHOT KANAMIT

(We are actually alongside of him now. This is not on the screen) He looks up, blinks his eyes.

KANAMIT

There is nothing ulterior in our motives. Nothing at all. You will discover this for yourselves before too long simply by testing the various devices which we will make available to you. We can show you, for example, how to add nitrate to the soil and end famine on Earth for good and all. We can demonstrate to you quite practically the principles of the force field in which you may cloak each nation with an invisible wall absolutely impenetrable by bombs, missiles, or anything else. We ask only that you...

(trust us. Only that you simply...trust us!)

THE CAMERA PANS DOWN to where the notebook has slipped from his lap to land on the floor.

45. Tight close shot notebook lying on a desk

This time in relationship to the desk and other books. A giant encyclopedialike affair. PULL BACK for FULL SHOT OF THE ROOM, obviously a decoding room where, lining the walls in profusion, are charts, cylinders, electric cryptographs, and telegraph cipher machines. There are three men in the room, but the camera favors Mike Chambers who sits at a desk and pores over several volumes, constantly cross-referencing with the "notebook" of the Kanamit. Chambers is in mufti, but the other two are field grade officers.

COLONEL ONE

Well, Chambers? What have you got?

Chambers looks up from his work, rubs his obviously fatigued eyes, shakes his head.

CHAMBERS

A corker of a migraine headache and eye strain.
COLONEL ONE

{(points to notebook)
Can't lick it?

CHAMBERS

Not in eight hours, I can't. Colonel, it took us almost a year to crack the Japanese code and we had an army of men working on it.
(he points to the papers in front of him)
This is a language of people from outer space, probably five hundred times as intelligent as we are and a thousand times more complex.

COLONEL TWO

You need help?

CHAMBERS

(laughs wryly)
All donations gratefully accepted. But I showed this stuff to every man on our staff and I've had a dozen people working on it since late last night.
(he looks down at the papers in front of him, reaches over and turns the notebook around)
We've tried pretty much everything. Single transposition. Double transposition. We've tried every known method of cryptography that there is.
(he makes a gesture toward the notebook)

46. EXTREMELY TIGHT CLOSE SHOT COVER OF NOTEBOOK

There is a single line of strange-looking letters.

47. Group shot

CHAMBERS (CONT'D)
I don't know whether we've even come close or if we're still a million miles away.

COLONEL ONE

You can't decipher it?

CHAMBERS

We can keep trying, that's all. Standard, direct, reversed, (MORE)
CENBERS (CONT'D)
systematically-mixed, keyword-mixed, random-mixed, reciprocal, conjugate...every nature of sequence of letters that we can come up with. But I'm gonna tell you something right now, Colonel. This is a tough nut. This is a real tough nut.

(he looks up to stare across at the two officers over the lamp which is the single illumination in the room)
Important, is it?

The two officers look at one another.

COLONEL ONE
I don't know. That...that Kanamit or whatever he calls himself dropped this yesterday at the U.N. All we know about it is that he was making reference to it every third line he spoke. The White House seems to feel that if we could decipher this...we might be able to decipher the Kanamits themselves.

CENBERS
Do they need deciphering? They've done all right by us so far.

COLONEL TWO
Parlor tricks-

CENBERS
(shakes his head)
They don't seem like parlor tricks, Colonel. That nitrate device they demonstrated in Argentina this morning. Six hours later that soil had more vitamins in it than a drugstore chain. I know that country. That's as barren and fruitless as any place on Earth. And there are actually weeds growing in it six hours after the nitrate process was used.

(he looks at the notebook and opens it, rifles through its giant pages)
We might lick this and we might not.
(then he looks up)
But I got a strange feeling that-
That what?

**48. Close shot Chambers** As he looks back down to the book and slowly closes it.

**CHAMBERS**
That we're looking a gift horse in the mouth.
(then he looks up again)
And I got another funny feeling, too.

**49. Three shot**

**COLONEL ONE**
(a little acidly)
And that is?

**CHAMBERS**
That if these Kanamits are as helpful as I think they are - you two boys will be out of a job. Probably so will I. And very likely so will the whole U.N. You won't need armies or navies or air forces of security divisions or world courts. I think they'll all be obsolete.

**COLONEL ONE**
(somewhat miffed, waggles a deprecating finger toward the notebook)
Am I to assume, Chambers, that this is a scientific analysis - or some Kentucky windage!

**CHAMBERS**
(shaking his head)
I don't know what it is, Colonel - beyond an instinctive feeling. This instinctive feeling tells me that when this Earth gets enough to eat, when there aren't any more wars or diseases or famines...this is going to be a Garden of Eden that stretches from pole to pole.

**50. Close shot Colonel One** As he lights a cigarette in abrupt, terse, very military movements.

**COLONEL ONE**
Colonel One
Your optimism is refreshing, Mr. Chambers. But for the time being I'd consider it a personal favor, not to (MORE)
say a direct order from the Chief of Staff, that you continue your process of deciphering until you can break this code or this language or whatever it is and tell us precisely - and I mean precisely - what that bloody book says!

CUT TO:

51. Long shot across the room As Pat Brody enters the room, an attractive thirty-year-old, carrying a sheaf of papers. She looks briefly at the two officers and carries the stuff over to Chambers and puts it on the desk.

52. Close shot Pat Her face is tired from strain, but at this moment shiningly triumphant.

   PAT
   We've licked the title of it, anyway.

The two officers move toward her excitedly.

   COLONEL ONE
   What does it say?

   COLONEL TWO
   Can you translate it?

Pat points to a sheet of overlay which she puts on top of the Kanamit's notebook. We see the title superimposed over the Kanamit's title and it reads, To Serve Man.

53. CLOSE SHOT THE COLONEL

Reacting as he slowly picks up her sheet of paper and studies it. PAN OVER TO SHOT OF CHAMBERS who wears a thin smile.

   CHAMBERS
   That makes the cheese a little more binding, doesn't it, Colonel?
   (he points to notebook)
   Our visitor's little text book bears the following title - To Serve Man. I'd call that a reasonably altruistic phrase.
   (he looks briefly at the girl)
   Wouldn't you agree?

54. Close shot Pat As she looks first at the paper in the Colonel's hand then over to the notebook, then to a newspaper draped over the corner of the desk with a picture of the Kanamit standing out in sharp relief. She moves over to the paper and studies it, then looks up.
PAT
I'd like to believe it. But I...I...
(and she looks up
frowning and from
face to face)
I don't know what to think.

CUT TO:

55. Close shot Colonel One As he slowly puts the paper down,
stares at the notebook on the desk.

COLONEL ONE
((thoughtfully and
softly)
To Serve Man. To...Serve...Man! I
hope so. I fervently hope so.

The CAMERA PANS DOWN FROM HIM over to the desk to take in an
extremely tight close shot of the notebook.

FADE TO BLACK-END OF ACT ONE-ACT TWO-FADE ON:

56. INT. SECRETARY GENERAL'S OFFICE

There are perhaps eight men in the room, each representing a
different country. Set up on the Secretary's desk is a 16mm
motion picture projector. There's a murmur and buzz of
conversation. The Secretary rises.

SECRETARY
Gentlemen, may I have your attention,
please.

The murmuring stops. The Secretary points to the machine.

SECRETARY (CONT'D)
The purpose of this meeting is to
acquaint you with certain tests
conducted over the past week. At the
request of several delegates and the
full consent of our "guests," the
Kanamits, these tests were
photographed and you can watch them
now.

57. Pan shot across the faces of the men As they murmur
amongst themselves.

58. Long shot across the room As the Secretary General makes
a motion and the lights go out. A projectionist pushes a
button and the projector starts shooting its bright light
across the room to a screen set up at the far end. The CAMERA
PANS OVER for a long shot of the screen where we see a Kanamit
seated on a chair. From his temples to his wrists are wires,
ultimately ending in the palm of his right hand and taped
there. Machines with dials can be seen at his side. They
seem diminutive in proportion to the Kanamit.
59. Close shot two machines Two dials, each with its pointer resting at zero, then a strip of paper with a stylus point resting against it.

60. Close shot scientist in another part of the room The scientist faces the audience.

**SCIENTIST**
These are the standard instruments for testing the truth of a statement. Our first object, since the physiology of the Kanamit is unknown to us, was to determine whether or not they react to these tests as human beings do. We will now repeat one of the many experiments which were made in an endeavor to discover this.

He points to the first dial.

61. Close shot the dial Scientist This instrument registers the subject's heart beat. This shows the electrical conductivity of the skin in the palm of his hand, a measure of perspiration, which increases under stress.

CAMERA PANS OVER to the other machine.

**SCIENTIST (CONT'D)**
And this - shows the pattern and intensity of the electrical waves emanating from the brain.

62. Close shot scientist

**SCIENTIST (CONT'D)**
It has been shown, with human subjects, that all these readings vary markedly depending upon whether the subject's speaking the truth.

He picks up two large pieces of cardboard, one red about three feet on the side and the other black, a rectangle three and a half feet long. He turns toward the Kanamit.

**SCIENTIST (CONT'D)**
Which of these is longer than the other?

63. Close shot Kanamit

**KANAMIT**
The red.

64. CLOSE SHOT THE MACHINES

Both needles leap wildly and so does the line on the unrolling tape.
65. Close shot scientist

SCIENTIST
I shall repeat the question. Which of these is longer than the other?

KANAMIT
The black.

66. Close shot the instruments As this time they continue their normal rhythm.

67. Close shot scientist

SCIENTIST
How did you come to this planet?

68. Full shot of the room As the men watch the screen.

KANAMIT
Walked.

There's a ripple of laughter in the room.

69. Close shot instruments on the screen As they respond.

70. Close shot scientist

SCIENTIST
Once more - how did you come to this planet?

KANAMIT
In a spaceship.

71. Close shot machines As they do not jump.

72. Different angle scientist

SCIENTIST
Many such experiments were made and my colleagues and myself are satisfied that the mechanisms are effective.

(Kanamit)
Now - I shall ask our distinguished guest to reply to the question put at the last session by several delegates. Namely - what is the motive for the Kanamit people in offering these great gifts to the people of Earth?

73. CLOSE SHOT KANAMIT

As he rises. The voice, a strange metallic riddle, but nonetheless a voice.
KANAMIT
On my planet there is a saying, "There are more riddles in a stone than in the philosopher's head." The motives of intelligent beings, though they may at times appear obscure, are simple things compared to the complex workings of the natural universe. Therefore I hope that the people of Earth will understand and believe when I tell you that our mission upon this planet is simply this - to bring to you the peace and plenty which we ourselves enjoy, which we have in the past brought to other races throughout the galaxy. When your world has no more hunger, no more war, no more needless suffering, that will be our reward!

74. Close shot the machines As they continue a very normal path.

75. Full shot the room As the screen goes black. There is again a slow murmur of the voices. The Soviet delegate rises.

GREGORI
I should like to pose the question - who promoted that circus?

SECRETARY
These tests are quite genuine.

GREGORI
A circus! A second-rate farce. If they were genuine, Mr. Secretary - why was the debate stifled?

SECRETARY
There'll be time for further debates tomorrow, the next day, and throughout the week. No one is stifling debate.

LEVEQUE
(French delegate)
I would remind the delegate from the Soviet Union that everything the Kanamit has promised - has not only worked, but worked beyond our most hopeful expectations. The force field - that was tested yesterday morning. A firecracker couldn't get through. And we suddenly find ourselves in that strange millennium when none of us need fear a hydrogen bomb or a
LEVEQUE (CONT'D)

missile. We are on the threshold of
peace, Mr. Gregori. On the threshold
of peace as we've never known it.

There's a murmur of affirmative response and the disgruntled
Soviet delegate, white-faced, turns and stalks out of the
room.

DISSOLVE TO:

76. A shot of Kanamit tilt and filling the screen Gesturing,
beckoning, handing out papers, small black boxes, bottles of
pills. A very stylized concept of giving with many hands
receiving. SUPERED OVER THIS are newspaper headlines. They
read as follows: "Fertility of arable land increased by one
hundred percent," "Famine thing of the past," "Heart disease
and cancer cure assured by Kanamit injection," "No more war,
promises Kanamit, as tests prove effectiveness of 'force
field.'"

77. A STYLIZED SHOT

Of these newspapers falling on top of one another, winding
up on a:

78. Full shot of the decoding room night The CAMERA PULLS
BACK from a shot of the newspaper that is lying on Chambers's
desk. CAMERA PULLS BACK FARTHER for a shot of the various
machines, now shrouded with canvas. The room has a look of
decay and disuse. Chambers sits at the desk, hands behind
his head, staring up at the ceiling. Pat Brody, in a light
topcoat, sticks her head through the open door.

PAT
I'm going home, boss. Need me for
anything?

CHAMBERS
(looks up and smiles
a little wanly)
Need you for anything? Like what?
(he points to the
shrouded machines)
This is not what you'd call a beehive
of activity.

79. Different angle Pat As she smiles and walks into the
room, sitting down in a chair near him.

PAT
This is the new story of man! Nobody
needs to decipher much of anything
any more because there aren't any
more codes simply because there aren't
any more secret messages.
(MORE)
PAT (CONT'D)
(she looks away, her
voice a little
reflective)
Odd.
(then looking toward
him)
I mean, not reading about hydrogen
bombs or war scares or insurrections
or anything like that anymore. There's
a rumor going around that they're
going to disband the United Nations
inside of a month.

CHAMBERS
Millennium.

PAT
Or close to it.
(she rises, walks
over to the newspaper
where we see the
Kanamits' name in
big black letters
repeated over and
over again along
with his picture)
How many of them are here now? Anybody
ever figured it out?

CHAMBERS
A few thousand, I guess. They've got
embassies in every country now. And
for every one that comes - a thousand
of us take off in their ships to
visit them.

   (he shakes his head)
That's the odd thing. The fantastic
ease with which human beings make
adjustments. One day they watch with
bated breath while a single person
orbits around the world in a rinky-
dink cubicle and they think of this
as the most historic moment in the
history of mankind. One year later
they stand in line waiting to get
into a space ship to take them a
hundred million miles away in space
and they act and react as if it were
a weekend picnic in the country.
   (he makes a gesture
   with his hands)
The strange and complex sanity of
man. Nothing fazes them.

PAT
Are you going?
CHAMBERS
I'm on one of the ten-year exchange group waiting lists. What about you, Pattie?

PAT
I'm on the list, too. The trouble is their quota's filled twenty-four hours after they make the announcement of a new trip. But while I'm waiting I think I'll do the next best thing. I'm studying their language. I remember a professor of mine told me that language reflects the basis assumptions of the people who use it.

(she lights a cigarette)
I've got a fair command of their spoken lingo already. It's not hard, really. And there are hints in it. Some of the idioms are quite similar to English. I think I'll get the answer eventually.

CHAMBERS
More power! I gave up a month ago. They write in ideographs worse than Chinese, but if I can help you in any way-

80. Close shot Pat As she moves away, a strange look on her face.

81. TWO SHOT

CHAMBERS (CONT'D)
Did I say something-

PAT
(shakes her head)
If you could help me - that was the phrase, wasn't it?

Chambers nods.

PAT (CONT'D)
The only thing you can help me with is-

She looks off.

CHAMBERS
Is what?

82. Different two shot As the girl faces him.
PAT
Help me get rid of this strange little know inside me. This very funny persistent nightmarish feeling.

CHAMBERS
Nightmarish?

PAT
That's right. A little sixth sense, if you will.

CHAMBERS
That tells you what?

83. Extremely tight close shot Pat As she looks up at him.

PAT
That tells me that maybe we should have looked this gift horse in the mouth!

DISSOLVE TO:

84. INT. HUGE HANGAR

With a long line of people, each carrying similar small handbags. There is a festive air even in the somewhat dark, cavernous aspect of the room. Several signs point with arrows and read: "Loading platform this way."

85. Moving shot down the line of people Waiting. We hear little bits of dialogue.

MAN ONE
They tell me they've got a mean temperature of seventy-six degrees on their planet and the sun never goes down...

WOMAN ONE
And their clothing. It's a metallic substance. Just beautiful. Kind of like a spun gold. And my sister says the day you land they take you on a conducted tour through all their shops and you can pick up as much of it as you want.

MAN TWO
It's just one big holiday when you get there. They've even got a form of baseball or something like it, leagues and everything just like here. Man, I don't think I'll want to come back once I do get there...
WOMAN TWO
And the whole trip, and it's millions
of miles, mind you...The whole trip
only takes just a few days.

The CAMERA CONTINUES TO PAN down and in one very noticeable
moment we see the Soviet delegate standing there, all smiles,
with a rather chubby wife. Then we reach the end of the line
and we see Chambers standing there. The line starts to move
and we hear the voices of excited delight.

VOICES OF MAN #1 #2 WOMAN #1 & #2
Oh, we're moving. Good, we're ready
to leave. Isn't this exciting? Etc.,
etc.

86. Different angle the line As they move through the hangar.

87. Long shot across the tops of their heads

Of a giant cavernous door which is now open as the people
file through. A space saucer, landing ladder down, can be
seen beyond open door.

88. Moving shot Chambers As he reaches a point close to the
door. He suddenly hears Pat's voice calling.

PAT
Mr. Chambers? Mr. Chambers!

89. Different angle Chambers As he turns.

90. Long shot across the room As Pat runs toward him. She
reaches him, out of breath, and pulls him to one side.

91. Two shot

CHAMBERS
(smiling)
You're just in time to say goodbye.

PAT
(looks briefly toward the door)
I know.
(then intensely)
Can you get out of this? Can you
refuse to go?

CHAMBERS(laughs)
Are you kidding? I've been waiting
six weeks for this. And don't say
that out loud or there'll be a
thousand people trampling over the
two of us to take my place.
92. **CLOSE SHOT PAT**

As she again looks toward the door, this time with an unconcealed horror.

93. **Close shot Chambers** As seen over her shoulder. His eyes narrow.

    **CHAMBERS** (CONT'D)
    What's the matter, Pat? What's going on?

94. **Reverse angle looking toward her** Her lips tremble.

    **PAT**
    I...I finally deciphered their language. All of it. I read their book.

95. **Close shot a suspended speaker overhead** A Kanamit's metallic voice rings out.

    **KANAMIT'S VOICE**
    Please move ahead. You're holding up our departure. Kindly move ahead.

    **CUT TO:**

96. **Two shot Chambers and Pat**

    **CHAMBERS**
    Well?

    **PAT**
    Mr. Chambers...Mr. Chambers, the first page is just a collection of English words with their own translation. But the rest of the book...the rest of the book...

97. **Close shot speaker**

    **KANAMIT'S VOICE**
    Kindly move ahead, please. Through the doors. You're holding up our departure.

98. **Back to scene**

    **CHAMBERS**
    (pats her cheek)
    Write me about it. I'll have plenty of time to read letters. I'm going up there for a rest more than anything.

99. **Different angle of him** As he starts toward the door again, leaving her standing there. He turns close to the door. In
the frame we see the space-ship boarding ladder, the last of
the passengers are disappearing into the ship.

100. Long shot looking back toward Pat

PAT
(her lips quivering, tears in her eyes)
Not so much time as you think. Mr.
Chambers...the rest of the book...

ZOOMAR INTO AN EXTREMELY TIGHT CLOSE SHOT of her.

PAT (CONT'D)
To Serve Man...it's a cook book!

101. Long shot Chambers As for a moment he looks stunned.
ZOOMAR INTO EXTREMELY TIGHT CLOSE SHOT HIS FACE as the horror
takes hold. Slowly a huge hand comes into the frame to touch
Chambers's cheek, pinch it lightly as if feeling for	
tenderness, then the hand gently, but very firmly turns
Chambers around and propels up the stairs and they very slowly
close up. During the process of this closing, we hear
Serling's voice in narration.

SERLING'S VOICE
The very explicit and very specific
differences in points of view. To
the wee ones...the little folk called
man...it's a marvelous adventure, a
voyage to another planet. An exciting
sojourn to another section of the
galaxy. But to the very large, granite-
faced inhabitants known as
Kanamits...it's nothing more than a
cattle car, a very comfortable
provisions ship bringing food from
the other end of the universe. Like
I say...it's all in the point of
view.

FADE TO BLACK.