

**1 EXT. BALMORAL BEACH - DUSK**

**p.1**

TEASER ACT

Intro to protagonist, Royal Australian Navy Diver LT. COMMANDER  
MICHAEL DOWD.

Preivew the world to come - Ash rain and flare over the beach.

The flare.

Raise Q - What does he see?

**2 EXT. SYDNEY HARBOUR. OCEAN FLOOR - DAY**

**p.1**

Intro to Diver, CHIEF PETTY OFFICER LACHLAN HUNT.

Navy team is searching for something.

SUPER: 48 HOURS EARLIER - ORDINANCE DISPOSAL MISSION

Hunt cannot find it.

**3 EXT. SYDNEY HARBOUR. SURFACE - DAY****p.2**

Intro to:

A NAVY VOX OPERATOR

and Royal Australian Navy Diver, LT. AIDEN FRANK.

Demonstrate Dowd is a leader and mentor to Aiden and that he is perhaps overly friendly with his men. He is also aware of the problem with Aiden but dancing around it.

Give backstory to Aiden, been detonating IEDs in Afganistan but he is troubled. The trigger to events to follow, is the mention of his father the Admiral and how proud he is.

Frank raises the Q of a dog on the wharf then takes the charges and goes over the side.

**4 EXT. SYDNEY HARBOUR. BENEATH THE OCEAN SURFACE - DAY****p.3**

Dowd descends beneath the ocean to join Frank. On the way down Frank tells Dowd a story about a dog.

Dowd becomes alarmed at the tone and actions of Frank.

\*\*\* Dowd's estranged wife Kayla is mentioned and how he needs to get back with Kayla\*\*\*

**5 EXT. SYDNEY HARBOUR. SURFACE - DAY**

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The VOX operator and Hunt become alarmed by what they hear.

**6 EXT. SYDNEY HARBOUR. OCEAN FLOOR - DAY**

**p.6**

Frank explains he is getting back on the horse, growing a spine like the son of an Admiral should AND that he has found the ordinance they were looking for.

**7 EXT. SYDNEY HARBOUR. OCEAN FLOOR. ORDINANCE SITE - DAY p.6**

We discover that Franks ordinance is a WW2 shipping mine.

**8 EXT. SYDNEY HARBOUR. OCEAN FLOOR - DAY p.7**

Frank alarms Dowd and the VOX op by announcing, he has laid charges and is ready to detonate.

Dowd tells Frank to WAIT for him as he rushes to his position but its too late.

**9 EXT. SYDNEY HARBOUR. OCEAN FLOOR. ORDINANCE SITE - DAY p.7**

Frank tells Dowd, Too far gone.

Set up - TOO FAR GONE is an element that will haunt Dowd later and that he will find himself saying when he confronts the worst of his conflict between what he sees as his patriotic duty and the love of his wife.

**10 EXT. SYDNEY HARBOUR. OCEAN FLOOR - DAY p.7**

Dowd tells Frank to WAIT for him as he rushes to his position but its too late, Frank detonates, killing himself and sending Dowd into the abyss.

**11 INT. MOSMAN. NAVY BASE. HOSPITAL. CORRIDOR - DAY****p.8**

Dowd is rushed into a recompression chamber on a Navy base in Sydney. We introduce the icy COMMODORE LAURENT FRIESNER who tells Dowd if he lives he will wish he hadnt.

\*\*\*INTRO the pretty RED HEAD NURSE \*\*\*

**12 INT. MOSMAN. NAVY BASE. HOSPITAL. BARO CHAMBER - MORN... p.8**

Dowd wakes in a recompression chamber screaming out WAIT. The chamber has failed. The door has opened and he is in a bad way. His phone is glowing and humming. He burns his hand on the phone.

**13 INT. MOSMAN. NAVY BASE. HOSPITAL. BARO ROOM - MORNING p.9**

Dowd exits the chamber into a lights-out room.  
He can hear a storm hammering the roof of the facility with windswept scrapnel.

A body collapses on him.

\*\*\*It is the RED HEAD NURSE. \*\*\*

Her mobile phone is also glowing and humming.

Dowd attempts CPR.

**14 INT. MOSMAN. NAVY BASE. HOSPITAL. CORRIDOR - MORNING p.10**

Dowd seeks help in the corridor.

The power is out.

He discovers a pile of bodies. Their phones are glowing and humming.

**15 INT. MOSMAN. NAVY BASE. TRAINING AREA - MORNING p.11**

Dowd FLASHBACKS to him training new officers in how to deal with a biological attack and cautions READY for WAR.

We see the ADMIRAL for the first time, along with his dog HEC and an officer cadet, AIDEN FRANK.

**16 INT. MOSMAN. NAVY BASE. HOSPITAL. CORRIDOR - MORNING p.12**

Dowd senses there is another presence in the corridor. He backs into another office.



**17 INT. MOSMAN. NAVY BASE. HOSPITAL. OFFICE - MORNING** **p.12**

Dowd encounters scientist.

INTRO DR. AMON TEICHER wearing a Hazmat protective suit.

He sees the red glow of the storm for the first time. Teicher warns him not to look. He wont like what he sees.

He looks. The storm sees him and races up to the window to attack.

**18 EXT. MOSMAN. NAVY BASE. HOSPITAL - MORNING** **p.13**

Sydney is enveloped in the storm.

Fade to TITLE SENTIENT

END OF TEASER ACT.

**19 INT. SYDNEY. SENNINGER DEFENSE INDUSTRIES HQ - DAY** **p.14**

ACT ONE

FLASHBACK

Amon Teicher is interviewed by Corporate shrink about a worrying response during his last review.

**20 INT. MOSMAN. NAVY BASE. HOSPITAL. OFFICE - DAY** **p.15**

ACT ONE

Dowd asks Teicher about the storm.

They argue over a hazmat suit and sharing the oxygen until Dowd senses someone is outside and they may be a threat. Dowd arms himself with a fire extinguisher.

\*\*\*SUPER : DAY ONE \*\*\*

**21 INT. MOSMAN. NAVY BASE. HOSPITAL. CORRIDOR - MORNING p.16**

Dowd enters the corridor to discover the pile of bodies has disappeared.

**22 INT. MOSMAN. NAVY BASE. HOSPITAL. FOYER - MORNING p.17**

Dowd and Teicher exit to the foyer.

Dowd announces he is going out there.

Both experience the full extent of the storm with severe consequences.

**23 EXT. WESTERN SYDNEY. FREEWAY - LATER****p.17**

A look-down view of a freeway interchange covered in abandoned cars.

The storm has subsided.

A resonance like a singing bowl hums away in the background and an eerie red and purple haze hangs over the city.

**24 ON THE GROUND****p.17**

Introduce SENATOR BERNARD HASS, blind and staggering down a highway covered in abandoned cars.

Hass calls the devil to get behind him but is defeated by abandoned cars.

**25 INT. SYDNEY. CITY HOTEL ROOM - DAY**

**p.18**

Intro HEIDI FISK.

Wakes to believe she has missed her flight and that she will be sent to a detention centre.

We also discover she has been forsaken by her ex.

**26 BATHROOM**

**p.20**

Heidi discovers she looks like a wreck in the mirror and is shocked.

**27 EXT. OCEAN - MORNING****p.20**

Begin DREAM SEQUENCE

A teenage Michael Dowd is taught how to sail by the Admiral and his adoptive father JUSTICE LEO DOWD.

The two older men go forward to fix a cleat when a storm descends on the yacht.

Dowd searches for them but they are gone.

As the storm his the Admiral tells Dowd, „ÄöYou have the helm, a prophecy that he would soon lead.

The Admirals dog HEC WALLER serves as a segue exit fom the flashback to the next scene.

**28 INT. MOSMAN. NAVY BASE. HOSPITAL. FOYER - MORNING****p.22**

Dowd and Teicher wake in the foyer to the sound of the Admirals dog Hec Waller. The storm has past. Dowd tells Teicher what comes through that door next is coming to kill him.

Teicher advises the event was biological.

\*Teicher observes Hec Waller the dog has a #9 tag.

**29 EXT. MOSMAN. NAVY BASE - DAY****p.23**

Dowd and Teicher exit the building. Sydney is quiet, smouldering, red and humming. Teicher asks, What kind of dog is Hec Waller?

\*\*\* Dowd rubs his burnt hand - First aid for this later \*\*\*

\*Teicher suspects the dog might be a clone so he asks the Q but Dowd interprets it literally. Add this to address the continuity issue of the same dog appearing when Dowd was a boy and now as an adult.

**30 EXT. WESTERN SYDNEY. FREEWAY - DAY****p.23**

Hass encounters - INTRO SENIOR CONSTABLE WASIM SABBAN. He cannot see him and Sabban is descending into anaphalactic shock and cannot speak.

**31 INT. SYDNEY. CITY HOTEL. FOYER - DAY****p.24**

Heidi enters the hotel lobby to discover the place empty yet the patrons wallets and personal possessions litter the place.

She finds a wallet belonging to a doctor and a photo of his two daughters, one of who is named Sammy.

Heidi sees something special in Sammy and her relationship with her father.

She takes the wallet.

\*\*\* We set up a future flashback where we will see this scene prior to the storm with DR STAMM and his family in the hotel along with the BEAST in human form when the storm hits\*\*\*

\*\*\* Give Heidi a carrybag to tote stuff with including the wallet - Not written in yet \*\*\*

**32 EXT. WESTERN SYDNEY. FREEWAY - DAY****p.25**

Sabban struggles to get Hass to help him to gain access to his epipen. Hass is oblivious to Sabban's near death experience. Sabban eventually gains access to the epipen to save his own life.

\* We see Sydney is being circled by jet planes - Passenger liners

Hass is oblivious, focused wholly on getting a phone to call his office.



**33 EXT. MOSMAN. NAVY BASE - DAY****p.26**

Intro BEATA ROSEN.

Rosen is part naked, wrapped in a fire reel and rabid.

\*\*\*She has a wind vane blade embedded in her cheek\*\*\*

\*\*\* She has a fire axe that Dowd will be carrying when he heads to the bunker\*\*\*

**34 INT. MOSMAN NAVY BASE. COMMODORE'S OFFICE - EARLIER****p.27**

SCENE HEADING - EARLIER

Intro SECRETARY.

Intro TOPIK SENNINGER.

Senninger and Rosen dance around the deal to secure preselection.

\*Not clear how Rosen is attached to Friesner. Having your own man in Fed parliment

\* Mentioned Beata is in property development

\*Demonstrates Friesners ambitions but that other players are pulling the strings.

\*Demonstrates Rosen is dangerous

**35 EXT. MOSMAN. NAVY BASE. LANEWAY - DAY**

**p.31**

RETURN TO PRESENT

Dowd asks if Teicher saw anyone, alluding to the stack of bodies that dissapeared.

**36 INT. MOSMAN. NAVY BASE. HOSPITAL. CORRIDOR - MORNING**

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FLASHBACK

Dowd revisits the pile of bodies stacked to the ceiling.

**37 EXT. MOSMAN. NAVY BASE. LANEWAY - DAY**

**p.31**

RETURN TO PRESENT

Teicher wants to know where they are going.

Dowd reveals the bunker.

Teicher discovers a human ash shadow burnt into the wall.

**38 EXT. MOSMAN. NAVY BASE - EARLIER**

**p.33**

SCENE HEADING - EARLIER

SUPER :BEFORE

An emergency siren sounds.

Friesner drives himself forward towards a security office.

**39 SECURITY OFFICE****p.33**

Friesner reaches a security office then collapses.

**40 EXT. SYDNEY. CIRCUS CARNIVAL - NIGHT****p.33**

FLASHBACK TO:

Friesner's flashback - His teenage son TOBIAS asks to visit. Madam JADE, a fortune teller.

**41 INT. SYDNEY. CIRCUS CARNIVAL. MADAM KAYLA'S TENT - NIG... p.34**

Tobias reveals he doesn't want his fortune told, rather his father's.

We discover that Tobias is very ill.

Friesner agrees. Jade reveals she knows much of his character, that he will rise, face his greatest enemy and that it will cost him dearly.

RETURN TO PRESENT

**42 INT. MOSMAN. NAVY BASE - CORRIDOR - MORNING p.36**

Friesner receives a call from a DOCTOR bringing bad news about his son, that he cannot continue the treatment due to pain.

Friesner berates the Doctor and tells him to continue with the treatment.

**43 INT. MOSMAN. NAVY BASE. COMMODORE'S OFFICE - MORNING p.37**

Senninger, Friesner and Rosen do the deal to secure preselection.

**44 EXT. MOSMAN. NAVY BASE - DAY p.41**

Friesner wakes from the storm then demands the assistance of two security guards on the floor.

INTRO EID and BABIC.

**45 SECURITY OFFICE**

**p.41**

Eid becomes aware of Friesner.

**46 EXT. MOSMAN. NAVY BASE. LANEWAY - DAY**

**p.42**

Teicher,Äôs vision is hazy, he loses his hearing, (temporary).

Teicher is approached by Dowd

**47 AROUND THE CORNER****p.42**

Teicher follows to discovers BEATA but we don't know yet she is his sister. Beata wakes him up with an axe.

**48 INT. MOSMAN. NAVY BASE. DOCTOR'S SURGERY - DAY****p.42**

Dowd and Teicher haul Rosen, now in Teicher's hazmat suit into a doctor's surgery. They battle to secure her in a chair then search for an anesthetic so they can remove the blade embedded in her eye and cheek.



**49 ADJOINING SURGERY**

**p.44**

Dowd seeks answers from Teicher.  
The two men parry for answers.

**50 DOCTOR'S SURGERY**

**p.44**

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**51 ADJOINING SURGERY**

**p.44**

Continued

Teicher reveals he runs a big team of scientist.

**52 DOCTOR'S SURGERY**

**p.44**

Continued

Teicher finds the doctors drug stash.

**53 ADJOINING SURGERY****p.45**

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Dowd suggests a Pentrox inhaler.

**54 INT. MOSMAN. NAVY BASE. DOCTOR'S SURGERY - DAY****p.45**

Dowd and Teicher prep Rosen for the operation and discuss Teicher' claim it is a biological attack.

Teicher is impressed by the vehicle of delivery, the storm.

Teicher reveals he knows who Dowd is.

They prep to operate on Rosen.

Teicher reveals his business is the science of war.

**55 INT. SYDNEY. BRIDAL SHOP - DAY****p.47**

Heidi - FLASHBACK - tries on her wedding dress. Gets the call the relationship is over.

**56 EXT. SYDNEY. BRIDAL SHOP - DAY****p.49**

HEIDI sees her old wedding gown in the mirror then Sammy runs by but she does not know it is Sammy yet

**57 EXT. SYDNEY. ALLEYWAY - DAY**

**p.49**

Heidi pursues Sam but meets GUY instead.

\*\*\*Human ash begins to fall\*\*\*

**58 EXT. MOSMAN. NAVY BASE - DAY**

**p.49**

Teicher pushes his sister along in a shopping trolley.

He and Dowd observe the rain of ash. Dowd asks the Q, how did we survive?

**59 EXT. BANKSTOWN. PARK. OBSERVATION POINT - DAY****p.51**

Hass follows Saban, hand on shoulder, reciting the laments of Job when they stop abruptly at an observation point. Saban is amazed at what he sees.

MEN in Arab garb surround them and attack Saban.

**60 EXT. MOSMAN. NAVY BASE. ADMIRAL'S OFFICE - DAY****p.51**

BEGIN FLASHBACK:

Dowd reasons with Admiral to give his son, Aiden time off but the Admiral exhorts him to get Aiden back on the horse.

**61 EXT. MOSMAN. NAVY BASE. THE BUNKER - DAY****p.53**

RETURN TO PRESENT

Dowd arrives at bunker to discover Admiral has been severely effected by storm. Dowd is apologetic over son's death but Admiral is focused on getting into the bunker.

Teicher sees giant ash stain on wall.

Eid and Babic come to arrest Dowd and Teicher under instructions from Friesner.

Dowd and Friesner argue over we are at war.

**62 EXT. SYDNEY CITY. BACKSTREETS - DAY****p.58**

Heidi searches the city for Sammy or anyone.

**63 EXT. SYDNEY CITY. GEORGE STREET - DAY**

**p.58**

Heidi walks George street and accidently liberates the human ash from the wall.

**64 EXT. SYDNEY. CONVENTION CENTRE - NIGHT**

**p.58**

Flashback to  
Teicher escorts the dying Katherine from a science convention.  
He proposes marriage.



**65 EXT. MOSMAN. NAVY BASE - DAY****p.59**

Babic and Eid march Dowd and Teicher to armoury.

Babic is too fatigued to go on. They rest.

Eid attempts to assert authority.

Eid reveals Teicher killed his wife.

The straight Q

Teicher reveals the storm contained a living entity embedded in a weather event, a true biological WMD.

They discuss who could have done it.

Teicher remembers he left Beata back at the bunker.

**66 EXT. SYDNEY. CEMETERY - MORNING****p.62**

Flashback to

The burial of Friesner,Âs father.

Friesner reveals a little of his background and upbringing.

He speaks of his focus on legacy - his son Tobias.

**67 INT. SYDNEY. RECEPTION CENTRE - DAY****p.63**

We solves the mystery of the Admiral,Äôs dog Hec Waller

Intro to the origin of the relationship between Commodore and Senninger and Commodore,Äôs political ambitions.

**68 EXT. MOSMAN. NAVY BASE. THE BUNKER - DAY****p.65**

Friesner now confronted with the loss of the Admiral and no access to the bunker seems lost.

He hears Beata and goes to her.

**69 INT. MOSMAN. NAVY BASE. BUNKER - DAY****p.65**

Voyeur - An unseen person in the bunker looks at Friesner via a video monitor but will not open the door

**70 INT. MOSMAN. NAVY BASE - DAY****p.65**

Dowd and Teicher reason with the guards to no avail.  
Eid asserts authority.  
Eid sends Babic down to investigate light in the armoury.

**71 INT. MOSMAN. NAVY BASE. ARMOURY. FOYER - DAY****p.68**

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**72 ARMOURY VAULT AREA****p.68**

Babic leads

Teicher and Dowd follow escorted by Eid.

They encounter Amiri. Intro Able Seaman Che Amiri.

Dowd overpowers Eid and Babic surrenders.

Dowd interrogates Amiri re her Arab origins.

**73 EXT. SYDNEY. HARBOUR BRIDGE SOUTHERN ENTRY - DAY** **p.72**

Heidi makes it to the Harbour bridge and meets the Skateboarder.  
She asks what is happening.

**74 INT. BANKSTOWN. RABI'S PLACE. LOUNGE ROOM - DAY** **p.73**

Hass is held captive - Rabi - home.

Rabi fronts and is pissed off.

**75 THE NEXT ROOM**

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Continued

Rabi finds cop and his couz Mamoud and crew.  
They fight over what Mamoud has done and the Iman.

**76 LOUNGE ROOM**

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Rabi cuts Hass free and takes him outside.

**77 INT. MOSMAN. NAVY BASE. HOSPITAL. DAY****p.74**

Rosen discovers her missing eye and sets her dog Dante onto the business of Dowd and her brother.

**78 INT. MOSMAN. NAVY BASE - DAY****p.75**

Dowd rallies his team of Amiri and Teicher to head to the dive school to round up more team and take on the fight

**79 EXT. WESTERN SYDNEY. FREEWAY - DAY**

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Rabi sets Hass free

**80 EXT. NORTH SYDNEY. HARBOUR FORESHORE - DAY**

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Heidi finds the Olympic pool



**81 INT. NORTH SYDNEY. OLYMPIC POOL - DAY**

**p.77**

Heidi meets Sammy then hits the drink

**82 UNDER THE WATER**

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Heidi makes the horrible discovery that the pool is filled with bodies and they are alive

**83 POOLSIDE**

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Sammy rescues Heidi

**84 INT. MOSMAN. NAVY BASE. DIVE SCHOOL - DAY**

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Dowd, Amiri and Teicher arrive at the Dive School

**85 SHOWERS****p.78**

Dowd, Amiri and Teicher enter the Dive school and search. They find Lachlan Hunt in a bad way.

Hunt tells Dowd about the body stack in the hospital foyer. They realise they have both seen the same thing.

**86 INT. NORTH SYDNEY. HARBOUR FORESHORE. GIFT SHOP - DAY p.81**

Heidi recognises Sammy from the photo in the wallet. They resolve to go to a friend's house

**87 INT. MOSMAN. NAVY BASE. DIVE SCHOOL - DAY**

**p.83**

Dowd lets the team know the cost of the exercise

**88 EXT. SYDNEY. M5 FREEWAY - DAY**

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Hass finds a way to loose his ties

**89 EXT. MOSMAN. NAVY BASE. BOOM GATES - DAY**

**p.86**

Dowd and the team exit HMAS Penguin but not before rescuing the base's Australian flag

**90 INT. MOSMAN. NAVY BASE. HOSPITAL. DAY**

**p.87**

Rosen interrogates the Security guard, dumps Babic and promotes Eid

**91 INT. SYDNEY. HOSPITAL. CHILDREN'S WARD - DAY****p.89**

Friesner goes to his son's hospital. He's terrified the boy is dead or gone.

**92 TOBIAS' ROOM****p.89**

Friesner is relieved to find his son Tobias still alive but Tobias knows something is very wrong.

**93 EXT. BALMORAL. ROADSIDE LOOKOUT - DUSK****p.89**

Heidi and Sammy arrive at a lookout point in Balmoral but Heidi cannot find her way to the sea. Sammy can hear it and they proceed.

**94 EXT. BALMORAL BEACH - DUSK****p.90**

Dowd and the team arrive at Balmoral beach. They discuss the death of Aiden and plan to recover a cat from the bay but before they can, the planes come in to land. They realise they are too late.

**95 EXT. SYDNEY. M5 FREEWAY - DUSK****p.92**

Hass breaks through his ties. He is free. Better, he can see. Hass experiences a Saul to Paul event on the road to the airport. The first of the jets flames out and flies low over his head.

**96 INT. BANKSTOWN. RABI'S PLACE - DUSK****p.92**

Rabi tells Mamoud and the Iman he has released Hass to Police and that they have to let the cop go. An argument breaks out when one of the planes crashes nearby.



**97 EXT. BANKSTOWN. RABI'S PLACE - DAY****p.93**

Rabi, Mamoud, the Iman and the hooded crew rush out to see planes crashing all over.

**98 INT. SYDNEY. HOSPITAL. CHILDREN'S WING. TOBIAS' ROOM -... p.93**

Friesner rushes to the window. The only thing he knows is that he is out of his depth.

**99 EXT. BALMORAL BEACH - DUSK****p.93**

Dowd, Amiri, Teicher and Hunt watch the planes crash over the horizon when Philipine Navy Captain Jimmy James Ramos runs out of the harbour firing his gun at the ocean and warning them, „ÄòThey,Äôre coming,Äô.

Dowd and the crew fire a flare revealing the ocean is alive with wrigling bodies then they discover just one those bodies on the beach and upright. It is translucent black and full of stars.