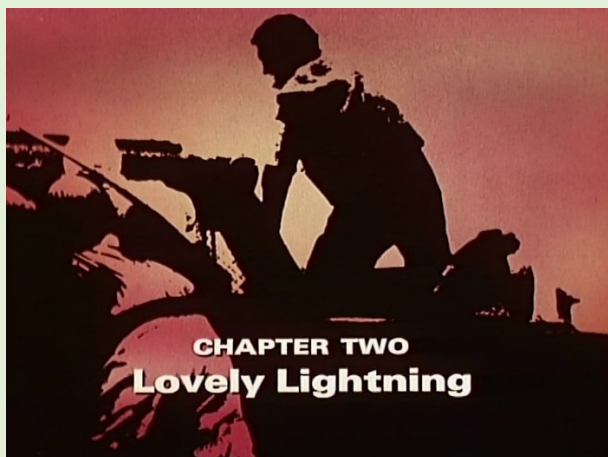
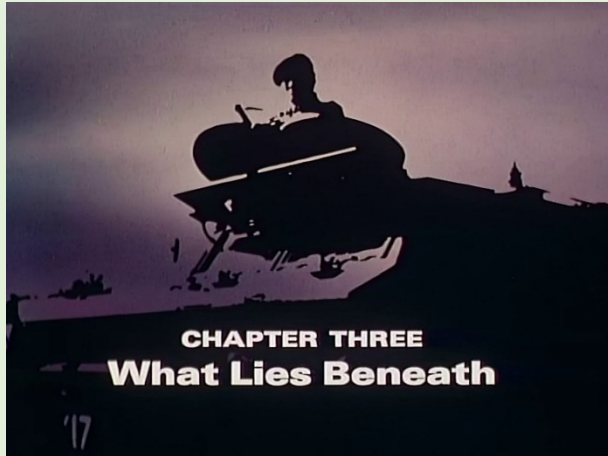


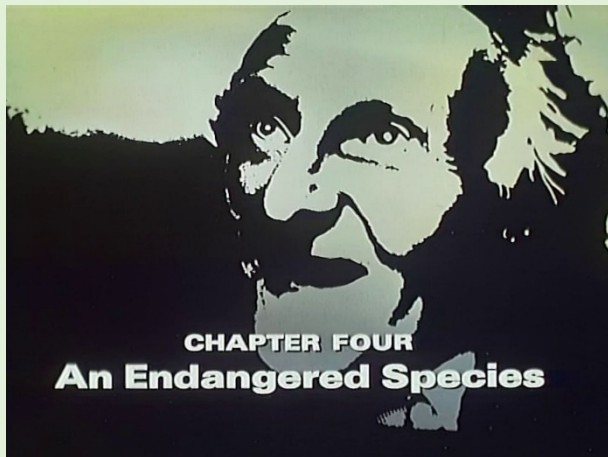
As modern civilization deteriorates into anarchy, Professor Quatermass searches for his missing grand-daughter whom he believes has joined the cult, Planet People. When an American-Russian space station is destroyed by unknown forces, he suspects alien powers. This is confirmed when he and astronomer Joe Kapp witness the obliteration of thousands of Planet People at the Ringstone Round.



As the mysterious and deadly beam of light continues to destroy the Planet People and others throughout the world, Quatermass returns to London with Isabel, a survivor of the Ringstone event. But the travelers are caught up in a violent gang war on the streets of the city. Meanwhile, the beam of light descends again near Joe Kapp's home with destructive force.



Quatermass is rescued by a group of elderly people. Isabel is brought to a hospital, but suddenly levitates off her bed and explodes in a cloud of dust. Despite the danger, more and more people are joining the Planet People and gathering at megalithic sites. Quatermass theorizes that this is part of an ancient plan, meant to harvest human DNA using an automated machine orbiting the planet. A huge gathering at Wembley Stadium ends in massive destruction.



Quatermass emerges from the ruins of Wembley to find the dust created by the mass harvesting has turned the sky green. Quatermass aids in assembling a group of elderly scientists, immune to the deadly ray because of their age, to develop a way to combat the alien power. They plan to use a nuclear bomb to disrupt the ray and perhaps destroy the orbiting alien machine. Quatermass and Kapp agree to deliver and detonate the bomb. But Quatermass hesitates to activate the bomb when his grand-daughter appears with the Planet People, waiting for the light to appear.



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