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**"Depths of Deceit "**

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**TEASER**

EXT. SPACE - An unmanned Space Station blows a DRONE to smithereens with a plasma laser blast.

INT. DEON INTERNATIONAL BOARD ROOM - We see this has been a demonstration of the Deon Platform, the space-based defense system Deon has been developing for the UEO. McGath is impressed. That's when he's told there has been a change in terms -- now anyone can rent the protection of the Platform for \$40 million a month. Who approved this? The new majority stockholder. The doors open to reveal the stockholder is ALEXANDER BOURNE.

**ACT ONE**

OCEAN - SeaQuest gets in a skirmish protecting Deon employees, who are fleeing across the freezone from Macronesian troops who are "nationalizing" Deon's colonies. Hudson calls McGath to protest, learns about Bourne's control of Deon and space platform.

SEAQUEST - CAPT. BEAU WINDOM of the COBRA arrives to support SeaQuest maintaining peace along Free Zone. The Cobra was the flagship of the fleet until SeaQuest reappeared...and relegated Windom to non-player on the global-oceanic scene.

Lucas briefs Hudson on details of Deon Platform. Hudson gives us his theory that Bourne is advancing along the free zone, and once he has Deon's space platform under his control, he will invade. Hudson wants to do something -- but feels powerless. Then, he has a realization. Hudson abruptly takes 24 hour leave, puts Ford in command of operation, borrows a shuttle.

MACRONESIA - Stassi and Bourne talk. Stassi says there's unrest along Free Zone that we can't quell. Macronesian dissidents say all money going into the war machine, nothing going to the people. Bourne says drop some nerve gas and that will quiet dissidents. Stassi says 100,000 martyrs are not what we need...we have to stop this drive for conquest and solidify support. Bourne says soon, it will all be over. Soon there will be nothing left to conquer because it will all be ours.

NEW ORLEANS - Hudson goes and sees his father Charles, a global entrepreneur and powerbroker with whom Oliver hasn't spoken in years. Charles is a big stockholder at Deon. Will his father help Oliver stop Bourne?

## **ACT TWO -**

NEW ORLEANS - Charles is pleased that Hudson has come to him for help, his attitude has always been that as soon as Oliver "grew up," he'd see that Charles was right about way world worked. Charles agrees to help -- his way. Oliver swallows his pride and thanks his father.

FREEZONE - A dissident ship blows up a Macronesia ship, then flees across the Freezone. SeaQuest rescues the dissidents, but the Cobra breaks ranks and chases the Macronesians across the free zone and into Macronesian waters. Windom calls for SeaQuest to join, but Ford refuses, forcing Windom to run back, his tail between his legs.

SOMEPLACE - Hudsons are there to meet someone... Charles says to Oliver that whatever happens, don't interfere. This is my world you are in now, don't get in my way. A figure steps out of the shadows...it's STASSI. Seems he is the real leader of the dissidents.

Charles offers Stassi a deal: I'll back your overthrow of Alexander Bourne if you agree to return all Deon nationalized property and give up Macronesia's stake in Deon International. In return, I'll get you all the weapons and I'll make sure the UEO turns a blind eye to your internal strife. Oliver begins to object, but Charles cuts him off at knees. Stassi agrees to the deal.

SOMEPLACE - Hudson tears into his father for dealing with Stassi. Charles says in the real world, things aren't clean.

That's why you went into Navy, you wanted absolutes, you wanted to push buttons and blow up your problems. This is how it really works. Hudson has to return to SeaQuest... things at Free Zone heating up.

SOMEWHERE - Bourne uses space platform to blow up dissident colony.

FREE ZONE - Windom is furious with Ford for not backing him up. Ford says our job here is to protect refugees once they enter the free zone, not to invade or fuel discord inside Macronesia. Windom sees this as the UEO's opportunity to topple Bourne... to do what Bush didn't do in Iraq back in the 1990s. Ford orders Windom to do what he is told.

DEON INTERNATIONAL - BOARD MEETING - Bourne is catching hell from McGath and Deon board for using the Deon Platform to massacre people. Bourne defends himself, he says it was an unfortunate accident... even so, he has controlling interest and can do what he pleases. "I don't think so, Al" someone says. That's when LARRY DEON suddenly appears, alive and very well. Deon has evidence that Charles Hudson leaked information about the space platform to Bourne. The board is outraged. Charles is arrested for treason. Bourne is suspended from board pending investigation. Deon pulls Bourne aside, claims no hard feelings, but Bourne is too smart to believe that.

### **ACT THREE**

DEON HQ - Larry Deon meets with Stassi, who has proof his meeting with the Hudsons. We learn that Larry Deon intends to throw the weight of Deon International...and the space platform...behind Stassi in return for his help in Deon's secret scheme which, incidentally, is falling right into place. Soon, Deon's two biggest obstacles ... Hudson and Bourne... will be out of the picture.

SEAQUEST - Charles warns Hudson via vidlink that they've been tricked, Larry Deon is alive. But it's too late... Ford marches in with orders from UEO to relieve Hudson of command and place him under arrest for treason. Windom is given command of SeaQuest and the mission... and he decides the SeaQuest is going to cross the freezone and support a dissident attack. Ford argues that will leave the free zone

unprotected. Windom says unprotected from what? Besides, the Cobra is here.

UEO HQ - McGath and Oliver Hudson have confrontation. Hudson wants to know why he was arrested. We learn of Stassi's "proof"... and Hudson learns his father leaked space platform information to Bourne.

Hudson wants to know why Deon is still free after all the crimes he has committed. McGath says there's no proof. Hudson says the real reason is the UEO needs Deon, its technology and deep pockets. McGath says the world is not black and white, there are complexities you can't understand. Hudson says Funny, that's what my father says.

FREE ZONE - SeaQuest goes across border to assist dissidents... only it was a ploy. Once SeaQuest is in Macronesia, Bourne launches a invasion across free zone. The Cobra is DESTROYED. They've been tricked.

## ACT FOUR

NEW ORLEANS - Charles powerbrokers their freedom. Oliver confronts his father. Oliver can't believe his father gave Bourne the information about the space platform, potentially tipping balance of world power. Charles says that balance tips hourly, and I've done it many times, usually at a profit. I did it this time to see my son, so you'd come back. So you'd need me. So you'd respect me. Oliver is furious. There is right and wrong, there are absolutes, maybe I don't know where the line is, but I know I won't cross it. You did. And now we have to clean it up before world is plunged into war. Oliver says we can do it my way... and yours.

DEON INTERNATIONAL - Stassi says now is the time to blow up Presidential palace, while Bourne is absorbed in his invasion. Deon says okay, hits a button. We see Space Platform blow up the Presidential Palace.

SEAQUEST - The Macronesian fleet is pouring across the border, the battle begins. SeaQuest is barely able to keep the enemy at bay. Meanwhile, Oliver Hudson pilots a subfighter to SeaQuest, narrowly escaping destruction. He hands the schematics of the Space Platform to Lucas. Where did you get these? Hudson says my father has deep pockets...and owns the company that build it. You have five minutes to reprogram the Platform or we're dead. Windom, humiliated, concedes command to Hudson.

DEON INTERNATIONAL - Stassi pulls a gun on Deon and says: "I'm arresting you for the murder of President Bourne." That's when Stassi is shot... by Alexander Bourne, who walks into the room with Charles Hudson. Deon is more impressed than surprised. Charles figured out what Deon was doing and cut a deal with Bourne. Deon asks what the deal was. Charles says Bourne promised to back out of Deon and relinquish control of the space platform. But Bourne has changed his mind -- and targets SeaQuest. Bourne hits the button. The Platform fires...

SEAQUEST - Lucas sends a transmission to the platform. Suddenly, the Macronesian Alliance ships are blowing up, struck by the space laser. Lucas has fooled the platform into believing the Macronesian ships are SeaQuest.

DEON INTERNATIONAL - Bourne, to his horror, discovers the platform is destroying *his* ships. Oliver Hudson comes on the vidlink -- tells Bourne there is only one way to stop his entire fleet from being destroyed: Destroy the platform. Reluctantly, Bourne hits the self-destruct and the platform explodes.

NEW ORLEANS - The Hudsons reach a reconciliation and will no longer be estranged -- they both learned to respect one another. Windom is relegated to a freighter, Deon is still in business, Bourne is still in power. The fragile balance of power has been restored.