# NOSFERATU

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ACT 1

### 8 meters location shot: Wismar

Fade in. Townscape

View over the roof's of a small old-fashioned town built in the style of the 1840s. The sun shines peacefully on pointed gables and

leafy squares.

Fade out Two shot, one from the church tower onto the town the

other from the harbour over towards the town.

1st: view of Lübeck.

Dissolve to harbour of Wismar

## Scene 23 4 meters 2x

Fade-in

Outside a window There are flowers in green window-boxes. On the

window sill a kitten is playing in the morning sun. With graceful movements she tries to catch a ball that dangles from a thread. Now the ball is being pulled in through the window. The cat jumps in

after it.

## Scene 34 Ellen's sitting room 7 meters 2x

Small neat kitchen

The morning sun casts the shadow of a window

frame onto the floor. Ellen, by the window, is pulling the thread with the ball, the cat follows it with a leap. Then she puts the little animal on her arm. Playing with it she sits down on the window sill bathed in sunshine and looks out dreamily. She squats on the floor opposite the animal and plays with it. Her dressing gown moves in the breeze,

her big child-like eyes a laughing.

## Scene 34a 20 meters Hutter white jabot blue waist coat.

A small sitting room (attic) Poor-looking and tidy. A bed, a chair in the

period style. Hutter is standing in front of the mirror. He is about to put his jacket on. He pauses to listen, takes a look through the side window. Smiling happily

he finishes dressing and goes out.

4a A small flower garden Shot from above. Hutter appears, gardening

knife in hand, looks up front of Hutter's house beaming with joy. He finds a clump of carnations, cuts the flowers with a quick gesture

and makes a bouquet.

Scene 5

The small kitchen Ellen, still playing with the kitten, hears Hutter

coming and jumps up.

Shot of cooker Ellen comes over and begins to busy herself with

the sauce pans, with a childlike earnestness towards

her house-wifely duties.

Shot of door: Hutter is standing in the doorway and laughs and laughs.

Hiding the bouquet behind his back, he laughs and laughs

Shot of cooker Ellen turns around, catches sight of her husband

and seems a little ashamed that she hasn't yet made breakfast. Now Hutter moves closer to her, looks into the sauce pan holds it upside down indicating that it is empty, and looks at her reproachfully.

Title: Ellen!

She is sulking now and trying to placate him. But he pulls out his watch; it is late already; he has to go. He kisses her good-bye, but she calls him back again to confess that she hasn't got any money left to do the shopping. He pulls out his purse with a sad look and holds it up: there is nothing in it! They both sigh. He leaves with a heavy heart. The moment she is alone she takes a small basket of potatoes, which is all she can find, the last resort of the poor house-wife, and starts peeling them. A potato drops on the floor, the kitten comes up and plays with it.

Fade-out They are rushing towards each other, Ellen throws

herself into Hutter's arms

Long Shot He produces the bouquet, hands it to her beaming

all over his face. She is touched then, saddening, she takes the glowers looking at the stems and stroking them. His voice asks for the reasons of her

behavior she says:

Title Why have you killed them ...

the beautiful flowers?

Hutter is taken aback for a moment. He apologizes

and kisses her.

Then she forgives him, they stand in an embrace.

Fade-out 2

Scene 5a 10 meters Lauenburg

Fade in

Street with front gardens

Title: Professor Bulwer

Professor Bulwer is walking vigorously, yet slowly along the road, enjoying the morning

and the sunshine. His stick strikes the ground energetically.

Suddenly he stops and turns around. Who is following him in such haste? Isn't it Hutter?

He grasps the passing man by his sleeve; he holds on to it. Hutter greets him,

looking pleased. Bulwer laughs and looking deep into his eyes says:

Title: Why so hasty, my young friend? One

reaches one's goal soon enough.

Hutter, of course, doesn't understand him. He has to get to office quickly. He greets him again and again. Until he manages at last to break free with a laugh and rushes off. Bulwer stands there for a moment, then he resumes the regular rhythm of his walk.

Scene 6 6 meters Caption: Knock - a house agent

Fade-in

Dusty cramped office Pale light is falling through tiny blind window-panes

into the strange room which is eccentrically decorated with bits of old-fashioned furniture. KNOCK is standing at a high desk. People

call him a house agent.

Close-up Knock's spindly hunch-backed figure. Grey hair, weather-

beaten face full of wrinkles. Around his mouth throbs the ugly tic of the epileptic. In his eyes burns a sombre fire.

He is reading a letter.

Close-up The letter. On a sheet of paper decorated on the margin

with grotesque vignettes a medley of intricate and quite ill-

egible signs.

Med. Close-up Knock seems to be able to make sense of the strange letter,

for his ugly mouth sets into an understanding smile. Then

he turns and opens the door.

Scene 7 5 meters

Small room adjoining the office

Very narrow and dark, totally without sun. Hutter,

buried in files. Knock looks through the door and

calls him in.

Another clerk is present

Scene 8 30 meters

The dusty and cramped office

Knock and Hutter enter. Knock points to the letter

with mysterious gestures and tells Hutter:

Title Count Orlock - His grace - From Transylvania

wants to buy a beautiful house in our little

Town

Close-up Knock's demonic face with wide open eyes

Title You could make a nice bit of money . . .

It will take some effort, however . . . a few drops of sweat and blood. . .

Perhaps a little blood.

Closeup In Hutter's face expressions of mounting joy and

strange apprehension are fighting each other.

Yet joy wins in the end.

Long shot Knock digs up and old atlas from the depths

of the cabinet and opens it. His finger runs

over a page.

Closeup The route from England to Transyvania on

the map.

Long shot Transylvania? asks Hutter, his eyes suddenly shin-

ing at the thought of a journey. Yet Knock has turned back to the letter, now reading the

last page.

Closeup The back page of the letter, covered with the

same illegible squiggles.

Long shot Knock seems to be able to make sense of this

page too. He turns back to Hutter who is already day-dreaming about his journey.

Title He wants a handsome deserted house.

Long shot For a moment Knock is lost in thought, then he

has an idea. He limps over to the window.

Scene 9 4 meters Window frame, take in Knock

Section of window View down the street

The deserted house. A dilapidated facade. Black and hollow windows. Not a sign of life. Shadows

on it.

Daytime - Sun

Scene 10 15 meters

The dusty and cramped office

ed office Knock walks back from the window and says to Hutter:

Title That house...just opposite yours.

Offer him that!

Hutter seems to be a little taken aback, but he rallies around quickly. Knock urges him to set out on the journey at once, hands him some money and doc-

uments and pushes him to the door.

Fade-out

18 meters 2x As in scene 8

Scene 11

Room in Hutter's

House

Ellen is sitting by the window. Now she can see him coming. She waves to him. Her face lights up with joy. She hurries over to the door. Presently Hutter enters. Moved and happy, he puts his arms around her and tells

her his great news:

Title

I shall go on a journey far far away to the country of mountains where there are bandits and ghosts still.

Ellen is startled. A shadow passes over her forehead. She wants to hold him back. But he is not listening. He has got to pack; already he is leaving her.

Fade-out Scene 12

15 meters Frau Schroeder without shawl saddlebags

The attic room Fade-in

Hutter is packing his little travelling bag. Ellen appears in the door behind him. Suddenly she starts to beg him tearfully, entreating: Do not go! I am worried about you! But he rejects her remonstrations. Now he has finished packing. He gets up. Ellen realizing that he has made up his mind steps back, resigning herself. But there is fear in her eyes. Seeing her like this he hesitates for a moment. But then he embraces her again with determination, takes up his bag and

leaves the room with her.

Fade out Scene 13 (Lord)Harding's park 15 meters

Hutter, all ready for the journey, takes his leave from Harding and his sister Anny. Ellen, weeping

is supported by Anny.

Close-up

The two men. Hutter, taking both of Harding's hands and looking deep into his eyes:

Title

I entrust Ellen to your care.

Harding promises his friend to look after Ellen, she can live here, she will never be alone.

Long shot of all characters

Hutter gives his hand to Anny and then to Ellen One last farewell kiss. At this moment her grief is over. As if she had a premonition she says:

Title

Farewell! There is no escape left.

At first they are all startled by these words.

Then Hutter breaks away. Another farewell, another wave of the hand and Hutter vanishes into the park.

Ellen is staring vacantly into the distance.

Square with fountain

A number of healthy-looking people are walking about in the sunshine. Tied to the fountain a lonely sattled horse. Hutter appears, mounts the horse gives one last backward look and gallops off.

Fade out

Scene 15

9 meters Schlesische Hutte

Title

The Carpathian Mountains

Wild and rocky mountains. Contre jour

Fade-out Scene 16 Evening

Long shot

10 meters

Outside the Carpathian

inn.

The big mail coach drawn by four horses drives

up and comes to a halt.

Shot of door of inn

The inn-keeper, a small old Jew, comes out and

sees the coach.

Shot of coach:

Hutter jumps out first. He looks around.

Long shot:

The house. One part of brick-walled living area, the other coach house and open stables Shot of coach In the meantime the other passengers have got out. Long-haired, black Huzules. All identically dressed and of identical appearance like ghosts.

they go into the house.

The inn-keeper has gone up to Hutter and greets

him with an inviting gesture.

Shot of coach

The horses are now unharnessed, the coach is being pushed into the coach house. Night is falling.

Scene 17

8 meters servant: Frau Kurz

Inside the Inn.

A large smoky room with an enormous tiled stove. A central hanging lamp throws out dazzling light At tables in the background the passengers. Hutter who came in last, is standing in the foreground, he looks around and sits down right in front. At once the old servant approaches with a glass and puts it down in front of him. He overcomes a strange anxiety

that was brought on by the evening mood in a strange country and puts on a sudden show of liveliness. He knocks on the table and says:

Title

Quickly, my meal -

I must be off to Count Orlock's

castle.

The servant recoils in horror. The strangely identical looking passengers, sitting in the background rise up

abruptly to stare at him.

Shot of bar

The old hunch-backed Jew pricks up his ears.

Long shot

Hutter looks around in embarrassment, then takes up his

glass resolutely and downs it in one gulp.

Scene 18

### 4 meters Walddorfsenke

A grassy slope behind the

inn

The ground falls away towards the back. Night mists are creeping up from the valley. The horses are put out here to graze. Suddenly, they raise their heads, as if frightened and, scattering, gallop away.

Scene 19 Inside the inn Shot of window:

The passengers, seen from behind are standing by the window, looking out apprehensively. The old servant has not go the courage to go up to where they stand and makes the sign of the cross. Hutter stands alone, looking around. He is perplexed and wants to ask what is happening. The old

servant comes up to him and whispers into his ear.

Title You mustn't go there now

there are wolves about Spend the night here.

Hutter understands and decides to stay.

Fade-out19a

Hyena

19b Horses, panicking

Scene 20

6 meters

A room at the inn.

A tiny white-washed room with sharp angles: a flickering light from the old servant's candle. Now Hutter enters. She puts the candle down, goes out without a word. Her

eyes expressing concern for him.

Hutter alone. He goes over to the window, throws it open

and looks into the starless night.

Scene 21 (missing from script)

Scene 22

5 meters

Inside the inn

The pale passengers, now without Hutter in the enormous room, look frightened. They, too, are listening to the horrible howling. They look at each other and are crossing themselves in terror!

themselves in terro

Scene 23

20 meters

The tiny white-washed

room

In the light of the candle Hutter, shivering, closes the window. He is no longer sleepy. He walks up and down the room restlessly, stopping in front of a little bookcase.

Medium close-up

Looking for something to distract him Hutter pulls

out a book at random.

Long shot

He moves back to the candle, sits down on his bed and opens the book. He gets interested in it.

Close up

The book's title page: VAMPIRE The page os being turned over.

THE NOSFERATU

From the bloody sins of mankind a creature will be born which will seek revenge for the sin committed by the parents and visited on their children and children's children. Whosoever lusts after blood without reason in under his spell, the spell of the vampire NOSFERATU.

Shot of bed Close-up

Hutter, shaking his head, continues reading Book:...grown up on his native soil - from which alone he draws his power.

Hutter shuts the book, having lost interest. It seems confused to him. He yawns and puts out the candle.

Fade-out Scene 24

12 meters

Fade-in

Small white room

at the inn

Morning sun is flooding in from the window. Hutter wakes up. Yawning like someone who has slept deeply but not well. He sits up rubbing his eyes. They fall on the book on the bedside table. He reads the title

Close-up Normal shot: VAMPIRE

spits on the floor in contempt of the confused rubbish

and throws the book playfully into a corner. Then he pauses to listen, goes over to the window to open it. He

takes a deep breath of the morning air.

Scene 25

6 meters Walddorf

The grassy slope in the morning light. Coachmen and grooms are rounding up the horses with long whips and lots of shout-

ing.

Scene 26

5 meters

The small room

Hutter steps back from the window. His eyes are laughing, as he turns round. He stretches himself happily; then he takes off his shirt, goes over to the washstand, pours water over his

body. He has a proper wash.

Scene 27

Dolny Kubin

In the yard

The old servant, mother to all animals, throws corn to her chickens. There are sparrows, too. Everything is bathed in

sunlight.

Scene 28

10 meters

Outside the Inn

The bustle of departure. The horses are in harness. The passengers have got into the coach. Now, in the morning light, one can see their differences. They are much less uniform than they had seemed the previous nightfall. They are chattering noisily to the people who are staying behind and with the peasants and nosy children who are

gathered around the coach.

Close-up

The coachman is about to climb onto his seat, but the small Jewish inn-keeper holds him back: one passenger is missing. They look up to the windows; angry about the delay the coachman cracks his whip a few times.

Shot of inn:

Hutter appears in an upstairs window, still only half dressed; he gives a wave: I am coming. And disappears

again.

Shot of door

Hutter comes rushing out with his travelling bag.

Shot of coach He climbs to his seat on the coach-box, the horses

start moving.

Scene 29

Outside the inn The Huzules take off their hats. The children are waving.

The old servant has joined them. God bless the travellers. May he guard them against evil spirits. They stretch out their

hands as if warding them off.

Medium close-up Fade-out Hutter breaks into loud laughter.

Scene 30 12 meters Westerheim

A Mountain range

Long-range shot In the distance a steep path cutting through the wild

scenery, on it the mail coach creeping slowly upwards.

Scene 31 10 meters road to the Schlesische Hütte

The mail coach Medium close-up Medium close-up

The mail coach is moving into the setting sun A coach window, and old woman. Hutter leans out, giving the coachman a push with an umbrella

Title Drive on!

The sun is setting Next to her another old woman, identical looking

She is staring into the abyss. Now the first one turns to look in the same direction: two identical faces.

Scene 32 4 meters View from Schlesische Hütte

The rocky gorge Wisps of mist are rising and falling in the last

rays of the setting sun. Patches of sun and shade

Fade-out

Scene 33 10 meters Close to Arler Hütte

Title At the crossroad

A carved madonna casts a long shadow across the road. Behind it an old woman on her knees, deep in prayer. She lifts her head and looks down the road. The mail coach approaches, the horses are pulling with difficulty, breathing hard. She seems to ask herself: do they want to drive to the haunted castle? and gets into the middle of the road to warn them off. The mail coach stops. Hutter gets off the coach box. Now he stands at the crossroad. The passengers are anxious to move on gesturing violently to him not to take the left fork. But Hutter disregards their shouting He waves farewell with his hat and walks briskly off.

33a Hutter walking past the carved madonna

Distant mountains

#### 8 meters Vratna Pass

View through the cut made into the rock by the road into the far distance. In the background the fantastic castle of Count Orlok in the evening light. One can see a steep road leading straight up into the sky. Something comes racing down. A coach? A phantom? It moves with unearthly speed and disappears behind a ground swell.

Castle Orlok, dissolve
 Steep road between

boulders Scene 35

At the crossroad Angle as in Scene 33

### 4 meters Near Schlesische Hütte

Mortally fightened, the coachman beats the horses. The old woman has disappeared as if swallowed up by the ground. Astonished, Hutter follows the vanishing coach with his eyes. He is all alone now, standing like this for a while. Then he pulls himself together and walks resoltuely along the road on the left.

Fade-out Scene 36 Fade-in

Carpathian virgin forest.

Vratna Pass

The trees are castling long shadows on the forest path. Hutter appears. He halts: what's that? Something comes racing up, turns around as if moved by a hidden force and moving jerkily. Stops dead. Hutter likewise. A black carriage. No wheels? Two black horses - griffins? Their legs are invisible, covered by a black funeral cloth. Their eyes like pointed stars. Puffs of steam from their open mouths, revealing white teeth. The coachman is wrapped up in black cloth. His face pale as death. His eyes are staring at Hutter. Raising his whip he makes an inviting, almost commanding gesture. He waits. Hutter cannot rally enough strength to follow the invitation. Yet those eyes assert their power. Step by step, as if pulled by invisible threads, Hutter approaches the uncanny creature. He gets into the carriage. It reverses quick as lightning, dashes off a disappears.

Scene 37 A fairy-tale forest

5 meters At the Vratna Pass, behind Tyer Hora Empty. By the roadside a wise, man-sized raven. Its shoulders hunched up. It turns its head listening. Then takes two hops forward and looks down the road. Who's coming? The familiar vehicle sweeps up and past. A young man, holding on desperately, sits inside, looking terrified. The raven follow him with mocking eyes behind glasses.

Coach drives at top speed through a white forest 5 meters

Scene 38 Long shot of a snakelike bend.

Valley. Deserted lane. Only a lonely twisted will-tree with a straggly top can be seen. Again the carriage races past. Like an ancient man who has been disturbed in his rest the tree looks after the vehicle with blank eyes. Isn't there a grin on its mouth? Drives over stone bridge across deep gorge

Scene 39 Count Orlock's castle

15 meters Poczamok

39a

The arch of a gate in the shade. The silhouette of the

carriage drives underneath it at a sharp angle and disappears in the moonlit spacious castle yard. Shot of castle yard

Medium close-up

The porch. The carriage stops in front of it. Al -most in a faint, Hutter slides down. As if in a whirlpool, the carriage circles round him and disappears. Hutter turns around and follows it with his eyes. He stands in front of the closed

gate, holding his bag.

39b Then, very very slowly the two wings of

the gate open up. Somewhere far back in the dark corridor a man can be seen standing motionless. He is holding a candle which lights up his chalk-white face. He is waiting. Who is that? Hutter bounds up the two steps and stands in the doorway. He would still like to go back. Yet it is too late now. Hesitantly he walks towards the stranger. Behind

him the gate closes

End of Act 1

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Scene 40 Hall.

walls of the hall are plunged in darkness from which Hutter's back emerges. He faces the motionless figure. It is pale, ghostly creature with hollow eyes and thin mouth the lord of the cas-

tle himself?

Close-up The face twists into a polite grimace. Sharp ratlike

teach appear over the lower lip.

Medium Close-up They are now face to face. It must be the count for

this is no servant's gesture with which he now takes

hold of his visitor's bag.

Title The servants are asleep

It is almost after midnight.

Hutter's clenched fingers let go. Bag in hand, Orlok turns around. He holds up the candle

and walks ahead. Hutter follows.

Scene 41

Gallery of ancestor's

portraits

Medium Close-up One of the castle owner's ancestors, frontal

view. For centuries he has been asleep like this with his eyes closed. Now something approaches. His eyes begin to move. Two figures are passing:

Orlok and his visitor.

Long shot panorama He follows them with his eyes. They walk close to the

wall where portrait follows portrait.

Scene 42 25 meters

Dining room. Gigantic dimensions. In the center a massive Renaissance

table. Somewhere in the distance a fire place. Flanked by two armoured figures. Black and motionless. In older times this must have been used by knights for their drinking bouts. Are these their armour? Is that long line that runs across the wall a crack in the old structure? Or a lance left hanging there? Suddenly, Hutter notices that the count is waiting. Quickly he hands him the plans of the deserted house and Knock's letters. With a smile Orlok takes them and begs him to take a seat. The meal is waiting. Hutter sits down. Orlok lifts up the papers and studies

them.

Close-up Orlok reading. The back page of the letter shows a con-

fusion of numbers, legible and illegible letters. The holy number seven is repeated several times. In between, cabbalistic signs. The spindly fingers holding the letter cover

up the rest like claws.

Close-up Hutter is spell bound, his eyes wide-open

Closeup Over the top margin of the letter Orlok's eyes appear. He

is looking over to Hutter like a snake about to hypnotize

it's victim.

Close-up Hutter eating. He puts a morsel into his mouth. He lifts

up his eyes. His look turns into a stare. He is unable to swallow

Long shot The hall with the halo of light in the center; the

figures are looming above the table.

Close-up An antique clock with a pendulum. A hammer

strikes the hour. The big hand points to 12

o'clock.

Medium close-up: Hutter staring into space as if transfixed. After

the twelfth stroke he drops his knife and fork. The knife grazes his hand, it is bleeding.

Medium Close-up Quick as lightning the count rushes up to him

offering his help. He prevents Hutter from wiping off the blood. The knife might have been poisoned The sticky blood should be removed from the cut. His lips are sucking at the hand hastily. Frightened, Hutter pulls away his hand from his grip. He moves

backwards towards the fireplace.

Medium Close-up By the fireplace. The Count is polite; he has lost

his ghostlike appearance. He is asking for something

in a friendly, almost sad manner.

Title Shall we stay up together

for a little while? It's a long time to go till sunrise . . . And during the day I am always

out and about.

The Count sits down. And Hutter cannot resist his chivalrous manner. He sinks back into the

massive chair.

Scene 43 18 meters

Fade-in

The same hall Hutter wakes up in the large armchair near the

fireplace. He can hardly remember the events of the night. The armchair opposite seems to be empty. But there is light on it. Hutter's gaze wanders

across the hall over to the window.

Shot of window It is very high and divided up into small panes.

Morning light is streaming in.

Shot as before An old-fashioned window. An ancient hall, very dusty.

Nothing strange about it. Hutter yawns. His eyes fall on the cut in his hand and he remembers a few more things. What has he got on his neck? He touches his throat. Must have been mosquitoes. A mirror! His bag is nearby on the floor. He takes

out his mirror and looks at his neck.

Close-up The mirror shows two red spots on his neck,

very close together.

Normal close-up Why should he worry about a few little spots? he

thinks and puts the mirror away. He yawns once more. But suddenly he stops. What's this? He looks

at the table, astonished.

Close up: A still-life of food: fruit, a joint, all kinds

of gastronomic delicacies.

Normal: He is overjoyed. He rushes over to the table and begins

to eat as if he were starved.

Scene 44 22 meters Poczamok

The dilapidated terrace Still eating, Hutter steps out into the sunlight. He looks

around, seeming relaxed. He holds a sheet of paper and a pencil in his hands. Then he casts about for a suitable place and, leaning against the stone wall He begins

to write a letter.

Close-up: The beginning of the letter: My dearest, my only one. . .

Normal: Hutter stands upright, looking at the clouds. Why does

that stupid mosquito buzzing around his nose stop him from concentrating? He catches it quickly. And now he knows how to continue. He puts pencil to paper again.

Close-up: Part of the letter:...the mosquitoes are a real pest. I have

been stung at the next by two at once, very close to-

gether, one on each side... Hutter keeps writing

Scene 45 14 meters Poczamok

Forest near the castle A man on horseback is approaching. He stops occasionally

and peers over to the castle as if he were scared of it.

Outside the porch: Hutter stands there, waving with the letter. The rider comes

up cautiously and takes the letter without dismounting. The he dashes off at a gallop showing signs of great fear.

Scene 46 15 meters

Fade-in.

Long shot:

Dining room Orlok is sitting by the fireplace bent over some plans.

Hutter is standing behind him. Orlok shows more interest in the young man than in the papers lying in front of him. Looking over his shoulder he asks for some more information. Hutter rummages among the papers in his bag. A little picture falls on the table. He wants to hide it quickly, yet Orlok was quicker. He has

picked it up and is looking at it.

Close up A miniature portrait of Ellen.

Medium close-up Orlock asks about the person in the picture. And Hutter

is forced to answer him.

Close up: Orlok's eyes open wide. His lips look even thinner than

before. Contemplating the picture he whispers:

Title What a beautiful throat your wife has...

Medium close-up: Hutter is breathing hard. The fear which grips

him in the count's presence is replaced by a sudden fear for his wife. He forgets himself and reaches for the miniature. For the first time he touches Orlok's body. The count jumps up. He raises himself to his full height with triumphant determination and a glazed look in his eyes, and says, anticipating the horrors to come with pleasure.

Title I shall buy the house...

The handsome deserted house opposite yours.

Quickly, he takes up the contract and signs it. He hands it back to Hutter. Hutter bows uneasily and retires. Orlok watches him go, a satanic look has come into his eyes. His hands have turned into

Hutter takes his bag with him

Fade- out:

Scene 47 15 meters
Fade-in: Candle is burning

A small room in castle Hutter is standing in the middle of the room,

quite dazed. He shakes off his misgivings. He decides to leave tomorrow. He kisses the picture and starts to undress, when to his amazement he discovers a book in his pocket. The old book from the inn. Did the in-keepers wife put it there?

Mechanically, he opens it.

Close-up: The book

Chapter II

Night is the vampire's element.

He can see in the dark

which is a wonderful ability to have in this world

half of which is night.

We humans, however, are helpless and blind at night

Normal Hutter shuts the book. A horrible thought has

occurred to him. He is feverish. Is it this book, these ancient walls which make him believe in the existence of ghosts? Did not the count seem to have vampire-like claws and rat's teeth. He jumps up, first running, the sneaking to the door.

Scene 48 4 meters

Dining hall

View from door deep into the dining hall

By the fireplace Count Orlok, no, not Orlock but

a gigantic vampire, a motionless, sombre watcher

in the night.

Medium close-up He looks at Hutter with a fixed glaze.

The small room.

6 meters

Shot of door:

Hutter. He supports himself against the doorpost. A terrible realization has dawned on him. Shut the door, shut it quickly! There is no bolt. No lock. He looks around, puts the heavy oak-chair against the door. Is it possible

to escape?

Medium close-up:

Window. Hutter rushes up and flings it open.

Scene 50

3 meters Tegeler Forest

Night. Undergrowth. A pack of wolves, raising their heads

howling.

8 meters

Scene 51

The small room

Long shot:

Hutter falls on his knees by the side of the bid. Hutter

clutching the bedclothes, he stares at the door behind which

the horror is waiting.

What is this?

Medium close-up:

Moved by an invisible hand the door opens to half its

width in one single jerk.

Long shot:

Hutter. Terrified, he covers his eyes with his arms, pulls at the bedclothes and shields his eyes. He mustn't see it. He

mustn't look!

Fade out.

Scene 52 Title

6 meters

The same night

Ellen's bedroom at

the Hardings

She wakes up suddenly. She has been dreaming. As if she had seen a vision ... She has a premonition of danger ...

Now she gets up. Moves over to the window and steps

out on to the balcony.

Scene 53

6 meters

Harding's study

Night. Harding is sitting at his desk. He hears a noise

Rushes out.

Scene 54

Ellen's bedroom

leading to the balcony

Medium close-up of door Ellen is perching on the edge of the balcony. Harding rushes into the room. Discovers that the bed is empty.

He shouts: Ellen!

Title

Ellen!

He catches sight of the sleepwalker at the moment when, woken up by his shouts, she loses her balance and falls over. He runs up to her and gathers her in his arms. He carries her over to the bed. A servant, alerted by the noise appears in the door. A doctor! shouts Harding. The ser-

vant disappears.

Scene 55 6 meters

Fade-in.

The small castle room

Long Shot Hutter in bed, tense and doubled up. Slowly,

Nosferatu creeps up on him.

Irresistible, he bends over the terrified and helpless man and buries his fangs in his throat.

Fade-out.

Scene 56 7 meters

Fade in.

Ellen's bedroom

Long shot: Ellen shouts:

Title Hutter!!!

Long shot: Ellen in bed ...in delirium. Anny is kneeling by her

side. A doctor. Professor Sievers, is taking her pulse.

Harding

Ellen trembles like a wounded bird. She doubles up throws herself about and retreats into a corner

of the bed.

Scene 57 8 meters
The small castle room Night

Medium close-up NOSTERATU turns his head. He is listening intently

as if he could feel - hear the terrified shouting in

the distance.

Long shot NOSTERATU moves away from Hutter's bed.

He dissolves into the air! leaves the room

Scene 58 8 meters

Ellen's bedroom Ellen is calming down slowly. Her terror turns

into apathy. Breathing weakly.

Medium close-up: She settles back listlessly into her pillows. Sievers

can tell the improvement from the pulse-rate

and says to Harding:

Title: Normal congestion of the blood. . .

caused by an awkward position

during sleep...

He has assumed an academic air. His beard

trembles in his eagerness.

Fade-out.

Scene 59 3 meters Poczamok

Behind a pointed gable of the castle the sun is

rising slowly.

Fade-out.

Scene 60 7 meters

Fade-in.

The small castle room 
The light of dawn is falling through the window

as though a sky-light and moving along the wall until it reaches Hutter's face, looking half-faint

-ing, half asleep. Suddenly he wakes up Scene 60 continued

He starts up and clutches his throat. He jumps out of bed, clenching his fists, runs over. To the door. Carefully ...he

looks out

Scene 61 6 meters Dining hall Daytime.

> The room is empty ...Hutter, pale and hollow-eyed, staggers in. He looks around ...nothing. Shaking his head, fists clenched with wild determination, he drags himself forward.

Scene 62

6 meters Portrait gallery with

flight of stairs

Hutter is dragging himself along with difficulty. He goes down a few stairs. At the end of the corridor he finds a

door. He opens it.

62a. A curving gallery

exterior

Hutter opens one door after the other

Scene 63 15 meters

A vault Empty and dark.

> In the center of the darkness a black coffin. Hutter has pushed the door open and enters. He starts back. He stares without understanding. Fear grips him. But he must make certain. Trembling heavily, he lifts up the coffin lid. He recoils in horror. Dropping the lid, he retreats into the darkest corner. For inside the coffin he has seen, black and long, the lifeless body of NOSFERATU. Horror-stricken,

Hutter almost collapses. Then he rushes out.

Fade-out.

Scene 64 3 meters Poczamok Vratna Pass Tatra

Fade in.

Sunset. Between a line of bizarre tree-trunks evening approaches

> like a ghost... 6 meters

Scene 65

Fade-in.

A niche inside the castle The small castle room.

> Hutter is crouched on the floor. His body is twisted with fear. His hair is standing on end ...his eyes are staring. Suddenly, he starts up and listens. Can he hear a noise in this desolate place? Could it mean his salvation? With difficulty

he drags his weakened body over to the window.

Scene 66 Window frame for out-door shot

3 meters Poczamok

The walls of the castle seen from outside

Hutter stares from a window. He refuses to believe what he sees.

The crossbar of a window

Scene 67 [12] meters 6 meters Poczamok

> One can see a low-wheeled cart with the two fantastic horses harnessed to it. And now: is it a shadow? A ghost. Nosferatu. He is moving to and fro, to and fro. From the cart to the castle. And back again. Carrying boxes. Black coffin like boxes. From the back door of the castle to the carriage He piles them up. Box on box. Into a gigantic pyramid.

All this happens at an uncanny speed.

Scene 68 3 meters Poczamok

Part of the castle wall Hutter, staring at the phantom with glazed eyes.

Scene 69 6 meters Poczamok

The carriage is now loaded. Suddenly the phan-Castle yard

tom jumps on to the topmost box and disappears inside it. Instantly the horses dash off with the cart at lightning speed. The big gate

closes behind them with a bang.

Scene 70 8 meters

The small castle room Hutter jumps back from the window.

Title Ellen!

> NOSFERATU is on his way. Ellen is in danger. He has to hurry. Save Ellen. Ellen! Ellen!.

Suddenly, he starts tearing down the wall-hangings and tearing up the bedclothes. He tears them making long pieces and knotting them into a rope.

Fade-out.

Scene 71 10 meters Poczamok

The abyss Hutter dangling from a window in the castle walls

> on a rope. But the rope is too short. Beneath him, the abyss still opens up.

> And yet he risks the drop - dead or alive.

Medium close-up. So he hurls himself down. Hutter is lying at the

> bottom of the abyss, between trees and boulders. Tossing and turning in fever and pain. So he tries to lift himself up. But pain seizes him again.

Then he faints.

Scene 72 10 meters

Fade-in.

By the river Pruth

Waag

The river flows majestically through the immense

plain. The scenery is bathed in sunshine.

All is peaceful.

Then a large raft appears around a bend in the river and gloats slowly into view. Boatmen with long poles are pushing it with considerable effort. At the stern a high pile of boxes. Black, coffin like boxes. Stacked into a pyramid. An uncanny sight. Indefatigably, the boatmen go on punting The raft is coming closer and closer - like doom.

Fade-out.

End of Act II

## Act III

Scene 73 12 meters

Title A Budapest hospital

Hospital Ward A long line of white beds.

In the foreground, Hutter. In bandages ...

his eyes closed.

The doctor comes to him now.

He examines him. Questions the nurse

She tells him about the case:

Title He was brought in yesterday

by Huzules who said he had fallen down a mountain. He is still feverish ...

As the doctor continues his examination Hutter wakes

up, opens his eyes.

There is fear in his feverish look still. The nurse hurries up to him to hold him. Yet he crawls away to the end of the bed. Spreads out his hands to defend himself. Suddenly his eyes go dead. He collapses. His lips are murmuring something ...

The doctor bends over to hear what he is saying.

Hutter muttering to himself

Title Coffins - - -

Medium close-up: Doctor and nurse look at each other without

understanding.

Fade-out.

Scene 74 18 meters

Fade-in.

Normal shot:

> the pile of black coffins. Custom officials are examining the lettering and papers. They are approaching the boxes. The man searches among the papers and hands over the

freight letters to his boss.

Close-up: Freight letter

Mixed cargo, from Varna to Whitby

Content: garden soil for experimental purposes.

The inspector smiles incredulously. He orders a search!! Barefooted dock-workers drag up one of the apparently very heavy boxes, heaving and swearing. The inspector

gives an order.

They open the lid with difficulty. There is **earth** inside! The inspector gives another order: turn it out! The workers

obey. Sand is falling out nothing but earth.

Satisfied, the inspector turns to another pile of cargo.

Yet in the earth . . .something moves violently ...something is alive ...jumps out...horrible animals ...rats! One of the dock workers, who bends over to scoop the scatters earth back hits out violently. Did not one of the animals...reeling from

the blow ... bite his foot?

Long shot:

The big hand pulley [steam crane] hauls up one of the boxes and drops it into the belly of the sailing-boat that is anchored at the quay. At the ship's stern one can discern a name, underneath the baroque figure head; DEMETER

Scene 75 Title

12 meters

Professor Bulwer, a Paracelsian, explains

the nature of carnivorous plants

to his students

The institute

Medium close-up:

Professor Bulwer, surrounded by a few students, quiet and simple people. They are listening to his lecture. Now he points emphatically to a plant with a very strange shape.

Close-up:

A flower. Its petals reaching out like tentacles. Motionless. Now. And insect. Hovering, attracted by the scent . . . settles on the colorful calyx. There in a flash the tentacles have gripped it. The insect is caught. Its struggling is in vain. With irresistible force the flower has drawn it into the recesses of the calyx . . .

Medium- close-up:

Bulwer pointing at the flower. Slowly his

lips are moving:

Title:

The patient who came in yesterday has had an attack.

Scene 77 Lunatic's cell 12 meters

Sievers and the attendant stop short at the door way. Straining their eyes to see into the semidarkness. There, in the corner. Something moves slowly. It is a man. Now his face is in the light. Like a panther preparing to leap, his ferocity restrained, he raises himself up slowly. His crazed burning eyes staring at Sievers. And now we re-

cognize him at last . . . it is Knock!!!

Suddenly, in one leap, he is at the window. Sievers is startled, says something to the attendant. Who prepares the straitjacket be brought along.

Yet the expected attack does not come.

Knock remains at the window, arms jerking, he begins . . . to catch flies which he puts into his mouth. Horrible food. The madman's face twists into a grin that resembles distant lightning. His swollen lips are murmuring something:

Title:

Blood is life! Blood is life!!!

Suddenly, the madman starts up and throws himself with all his might on the unsuspecting Sievers. Who can barely ward him off. But the attendant comes to his help quickly and throws the straightjacket over the raging man's head.

Scene 78 8 meters

The Institute: Bulwer, in a quiet, scholarly manner with his students. He

points to an aquarium.

Close-up: On a piece of rock in the water hangs a small polyp. Now

it stretches out its tentacles, grabs a small fish and pulls it up to its mouth. It is almost transparent, colorless and of

a jelly-like consistency.

Title: And this one . . .a polyp with tentacles . . .

transparent . . . almost incorporeal . . .

almost a phantom . . .

Scene 79 8 meters

Lunatic's cell.

Close-up On the floor, in his straitjacket, whining pitifully, mad Knock.

His face. Turning his sad eyes upwards. He notices something

there. His lips form a word:

Title: Spiders . . . !

Close-up: A spider-web with a live spider which clutches, vampire-like

an insect and is sucking its blood.

Normal: Knock in exultation.

Sievers stands motionless . . . does not understand.

Brusquely, he gives an order and leaves.

Fade-out.

Scene 80 4 meters

Fade in.

The graveyard of

Whitby View from the pier-head towards the shore. In the fore-

ground the surging sea. Further back, where the shore rises

steeply, the graveyard of Whitby.

Closer: The graveyard. Afternoon light. In front of the graveyard

a long row of benches. People are strolling up and down looking out on to the sea . . . sitting on the benches and

enjoying the view.

Medium close-up: A bench, somewhat apart from the others. Ellen is

sitting there. Dreamily, her eyes searching a distant country

beyond the sea. She seems to be in an anxious day-dream about her distant lover. Now she shuts her eyes,

because tears are welling up.

Scene 81 4 meters Croquet?

In Harding's Park Harding, youthful and athletic, is batting. The shuttlecock

flies high up into the air. Anny, in a light dress, shouts with joy . . . catches it . . . throws it back. The shuttlecock

flies backwards and forwards. It is a picture of health

and light.

Scene 82 At the park gates.

#### 6 meters

The postman, a small old man, rummages in his leather bag and produces a letter which he hands with an air of importance to Harding's servant who is as old and wizened as he. Before he leaves, the postman points to the stamp which seems to be of special value, lifting up his eyebrows: This letter has travelled ar . . . it comes from a very remote country. The two old men bend over the rare letter. Then the old servant takes it in.

Scene 83 In the park

#### 6 meters

As the servant approaches. Harding and Anny stop playing. Anny takes the letter, reads the address and runs to her brother. It is for Ellen, she says, pointing into the distance. Shall we take it to her straight away. Harding agrees, they hand their rackets over to the serand walk off.

Scene 84 At the graveyard Medium close-up:

#### 3 meters

Ellen is still sitting there, looking over the vast waters, lost in her sad longing thoughts.

Scene 85 The sea

## 3 meters Heligoland

Distant view over the sea. A sand bank skirted by rocks, jutting out into the surf waters.

Scene 86 At the graveyard.

## 12 meters

Harding and Anny are approaching. They are joining the lonely Ellen. shaking hands and trying to cheer her up. Guess what we have brought you! They show her the letter. Ellen trembles. She takes the letter quickly and tries to open it! I cannot do it. Gladly and quickly, Anny takes over. You'll see, he is safe and sound and sends you good news. She starts to read it gives a joyful laugh, she was right. All is well. The worries were unfounded Happily she gives Ellen the letter. But barely has she read the letter when Ellen's face assumes an expression of hurt certainty. Does she derive evil premonitions from these lines?

Close up:

## The letter.

the mosquitoes are a real pest. I have been stung on the neck by two at once, very close together, one on each side . . . Normal: Ellen's face is distorted as if she were suffering physical

pain. Harding and Anny are perplexed.

Scene 87

Title: GALAZ

The port of Galaz

at night. The 'Demeter' is anchored off the jetty. Nobody is about

on the quay. A stormy night, strange uncertain light. Suddenly - a gentle movement from the ship down the gangway

to the shore . . . rats . . .

Fade-out: The coffins are reloaded

Scene 88 10 meters

The hospital at Budapest Hutter, dressed, stands in front of his bed. He looks pale

and weak still, yet full of resolution. The nurse notices his unsteady stance. She fusses around him. You ought to stay a few more days! Have some more rest! But he wards her off. His gestures are restless and fluttering, a strange force

has taken possession of him.

Title: I have to get home by

the shortest possible way!!

So he says goodbye, disregarding the nurse's advice, thanks

her for her care and goes out quickly.

Scene 89

Title: Constantinople

The port. Night. Wild dogs are barking from the debris in the street

up to the distant firmament, writhing in the mud like snakes.

Focus on quay: The "Demeter" at anchor. What's scuttling over there? . . .

A shadow from the ship to the land . . . rats. . . one. . . four. . . ten . . . and endless stream . . . the carry terror

with them.

Scene 90 8 meters Polnischer Kamm Non-stop rain

Entry to the Vratna Gorge

Title: In the Hungarian plain.

Coach station in the Pusta The mail coach is arriving at top speed. The coachman whips

his exhausted horses into a last effort. The coach has barely stopped when Hutter jumps off. He calls for more speed. Now

fresh horses are being brought along.

Hutter joins the grooms and tells them to hurry on! To hurry

on!

The tired horses have been taken out of harness and are being led to the stable. Bring fresh horses! Hutter gives a helping hand. Now the straps are done up. The coachman blows his horn. Some late-comers appear. They get into the coach. Hutter is the last. And the heavy coach rumbles off, the horses galloping, sparks flying from the hooves, dust rising, into the pathless

country.

Fade- out. Hutter leads a limping horse through

Scene 91 Fade-in:

The port of Constantiople Long shot.

In a fresh breeze, the "Demeter" emerges from the confusion of mast-heads and gains the open sea.

Scene 92 Lunatic's cell

#### 15 meters

In a stupor, Knock is perching on his bunk. The attendant holding a broom, is about to leave the cell. At this moment Knock lifts his eyes. With a look of artful cunning and with rigid concentration he follows the attendant's movements. Now, he seems to have discovered an opportunity; softly, he sneaks up on the unsuspecting man and takes away the newspaper that sticks out of his pocket. The attendant does not notice and shuts the door behind him. The moment Knock is alone he unfolds the paper trembling with expectancy and starts reading. searching for something with wide-open eyes. Now he has found what he was looking for. He is riveted to this passage.

Close-up:

The Newspaper

### **PLAGUE**

In Transyvania and in the Black Sear ports of Varna and Galaz a plague epidemic has started. Young women in particular fall victim to it in large numbers. All the victims show the same peculiar wound marks on the neck whose origin is still an enigma to the Doctors The Dardenelles have been closed to all ships suspected of carrying the epidemic. It is out of the question that the epidemic will reach Western Europe.

Medium close-up:

Knock's mocking, triumphant face assumes an expression of demonic grandeur. He straightens himself up, lifts up his head, raises his arms as if greeting the evil.

Scene 93

8 meters North Sea

Title:

Open Sea

Sea.

The Mediterranean. In the distance the "Demeter" sailing through the waters gleaming in the evening light.

Dissolve. Medium close-up

The ship's deck

The ship's mate is running up the companion-way in great agitation and crosses the deck on his way to the captain's cabin.

8 meters

In the captain's cabin

The captain of the 'Demeter' bent over maps, making entries in the log-book. The mater enters and reports excitedly:

Title:

Below deck a sailor has fallen ill.

He is talking in a fever.

The captan looks up, shocked. He leaves his work and fol-

low the mate.

Scene 95

12 meters

Below deck.

In the background the ship's hold. Among other cargo in the deep darkness the coffins. To be seen through an open door. In the foreground the crew's cabin with hammocks

In one of them the delirious sailor.

Medium Close-up:

Captain and mate go up to the patient who stares at them

as if they were ghosts. He seems to listen intently. Every

noise makes him start.

Shot of hold

Brooding, intense darkness. The lid of one of the coffins

seems to open a little.

Medium close-up:

The captain, more angry than concerned, advises the patient in his uncouth sailor's way to have a strong drink. Promptly the mate produces his bottle and give it to the patient. The smell seems to wake him up from his lethargy and he takes a long sip. The captain tells him to have a good rest and

goes out again with the mate.

The sailor alone. His eyes wandering . . .

Suddenly, they remain fixed, as if spellbound, on the door

leading to the hold.

In horror he sits up and remains in a crouching position

as if turned to stone.

Pan to the door lead-

ing into the hold.

There, horrible and awe-inspiring, stands NOSFERATU

And . . . he . . . approaches.

Fade out

Scene 96

10 meters Hornunger Moor Lüneburger Heide

Wild and desolate scenery In the distance a galloping horseman on the plain. He comes closer and closer . . . moving at tremendous speed.

It is Hutter.

Dissolve

Medium close-up:

Hutter, standing near his horse and examining its injured hoof. With a desperate gesture, he lets go of it. Yet he has made his decision. He must go on. He takes the horse by the reins and walks on, dragging the limping animal after him. Scene 97 12 meters

Title: The gulf of Biscay

On deck, the 'Demeter' Evening. In the last light of the sun captain and mate are about

to push the shrouded corpse of the last sailor over the railing. They have covered their mouths and noses with cloths for

protection.

Shot of ship's side The corpse is slid down into the water by ropes.

On deck. For a moment the two last survivors pause in quiet contem-

plation of the horror of death. Suddenly, the mate's body stiffens, he has made a resolution. For a short moment, he shuts his eyes and tries to master the horror that is rising up inside him. Then he pulls himself together, tears the cloth off his face, takes up an axe and, brandishing it in the air,

calls out:

Title: I'm going down!!!

If I haven't come back in ten minutes . . .

With the courage of a desperate man he hurries over to the companion-way.

Scene 98 12 meters

Below deck. There are the black boxes. They are the man's target. He

lifts his axe at the first one and shatters its lid. There it is:

He is tempted to retreat.

Rats! All round his ankles he feels the crawling of horrible creatures. Yet he pulls himself together for a second time. Another box, smashed by a second blow. And the same thing happens again: rats! only rats! He is wading through wriggling bodies which surround him from all sides. Yet he

withstands the horror. There, a third box.

Close-up: The mate. In despair, foaming at the lips, he prepares for the

third blow.

Long shot: The axe falls from his hand. His hair is standing on end.

Quick as lightning NOSFERATU rears up from the box. Now the mate is finally overcome by horror . . . Covering his eyes with his hands he runs upstairs, crazy with fear. Slowly and steadily, NOSFERATU is approaching.

Scene 99 8 meters

On deck The captain is guarding the helm. Then from the hatch, the

mate emerges . . . his hair has turned grey . . . his face looks crazed . . . he is foaming at the mouth . . trying to escape. . . he sways . . .turns deliriously in a circle . . .loses his sense of direction . . .does not see the railing. . . and overshoots it.

Falling head first.

The captain watches in horror. Now he is left all alone. But his face remains determined. He picks up a rope and ties himself to the helm, not to be tempted to leave. Thus he awaits the horror. . .

Fade out.

Fade-in.

### Acr IV

Scene 100

5 meters Heligoland

Fade-in.

A cliff by the coast Night, roaring surf.

The storm is howling. A gigantic wave moves up, breaks

the water splashes high up.

Moving coach

Scene 101

5 meters

Anny's room. Night. Anny is asleep.

The storm is pushing against the windows, opening them. The curtain is billowing and fluttering in the wind. Anny wakes up. Confused, Terrified, she jumps up. She tries to shut the window, yet cannot bring herself to do it. The storm is pushing

her back . . . she recoils. She runs out of the room.

Waves

Ellen

Anny wakes up Carriage Ellen walking forward

Waves

Carriage Hutter Anny wakes up

Waves Ellen Anny Boat

Scene 102

Ellen's room at the

Hardings

3 meters

The storm is sweeping through the open window. The bed is empty . . . Anny enters. She knows at once what has

happened, - rushes out.

Scene 103

Roof of Harding's

mansion

4 meters

Ellen, her clothes fluttering in the wind, her hair like a flag, is sleeping in the storm. She stretches out her arms defensi-

vely. A white figure against the black night sky.

Scene 104

XXXXXXXXX

Scene 105

6 meters Contre jour North Sea

High Sea.

Sea.

The storm is raging, enormous tidal waves . . . In the distance a sailing ship, the 'Demeter'

at full sail, racing to its perdition.

Trick

(Scenes 106 and 107

are missing) Scene 108

View across the town

6 meters

at night

The storm is tossing the trees.

Sailing boat moving towards it objective.

Scene 109 is missing

Scene 110

Sea

12 meters Wismar

The storm rages violently. The sand bank threatens 'Demeter', the fatal ship, has closer, still moving at

full speed.

View from the sea towards the harbor. Sailing ships are coming in at full sail.

Contre jour (wismar). Trick Ellen runs out from room

Broken axle

Ellen runs through garden Ship moves towards objective

Knock 1

Ship coming into the harbor Hutter running street. Knock Ship in harbour. Nosferatu appears Hutter running through street Nosferatu through gate with coffin

Door Hutter Knock escape

Nosferatu square or street

Room]

Scene 111 4 meters

Roof Balcony of Harding's mansion

Ellen in Anny's arm. Her hair is fluttering in the wind. Ellen stretching her hands towards the sea, as if trying to defend herself.

Title: I must go home. He is coming.

Scene 112 At the graveyard View over the sea

In the foreground the crosses. In the back sandbank and cliffs. In the distance people, hurrying to rescue the ship-wrecked. The sand bank. The ship crashes into it . . . turns over on its side.

View through archway: the sailing boat is moving past. Weimar

Scene 113 Lunatic's cell

4 meters

Long shot: Knock alone. He drags up a chair . . . to the window. He climbs up on it.

Medium close-up: Knock pulls himself up by the bars, trying to look out.

The wind, blowing in, makes his hair stand on end uncannily.

Scene 113a 10 meters

The stranded ship Dead and forsaken. a rope is dangling from the deck. It is

swaying in the wind.

Medium close-up An endless number of rats climbing down the swaying rope.

Shot of deck. The hatch. It opens slowly. NOSFERATU climbs out. He carries the last coffin. Remains standing. Motionless. The

image of death. Then he approaches slowly.

Ship anchored in the harbor. Dissolve
 Ship's hatch with a piece of deck.
 Trick: 1) Canvas glides away from hatch.

2) Hatch lid is lifted.

3) Rats are rushing on deck.

4) Nosferatu coffin in arms climbs out.

Scene 114 8 meters Lauenburg or Travemünde

Town center. Trees, shaken by storm. A carriage races up, stops abruptly.

Medium close-up: Hutter jumps from the carriage.

An axle is broken.

The coachman seems at a loss.

Hutter cannot wait. He leaves the carriage and runs off.

Scene 115

5 meters

Archway with a view of

the harbor:

Nosferatu enters the town

Scene 116

6 meters

The roof of Harding's

mansion.

Ellen's room at the Hardings'

Ellen and Anny. Ellen suddenly breaks away. Overjoyed as if she had a happy vision she throws her arms up and

shouts:

Title: I must go to him. He is coming!!

> She moves off and vanishes. Anny wrings her hands in despair.

Scene 117 4 meters

Storm-tossed trees. A white figure comes out of the house.

It is Ellen. She is running through the park.

perhaps Lüneberg Street 118

Shuttered windows. Nosferatu striding

118a Hutter, running along the street.

8 meters

Scene 119

Lunatic's cell

Long shot: Knock, moving away from the window wall

Medium close-up: The madman is listening for outside noises, as if he had

received a signal from the other world . . . triumphantly . . .

he whispers to himself:

Titles: The master is near . . . the master is near . . .!

Long shot: Suddenly, he listens attentively.

> He creeps over to the door. There he waits expectantly . . . The door opens. The attendant appears. He looks around the room. Not noticing that Knock is behind him. Knock creeps carefully behind his back. Suddenly frightened, the attendant turns around. Knock makes for his throat like a vampire. The attendant falls over. The madman is at his

for a moment only, then he lets go and sneaks out.

Scene 120

In front of Hutter's house Hutter comes running up. He looks up: no light. He is just

about to enter when - somebody is calling. He turns around

Ellen!!!!! They fall into each other's arms.

Scene 121 Square with fountain 5 meters

> Nosferatu, coffin under his arm, is standing in the middle of the square. Looking around to orientate

himself. Then he strides on.

Scene 122 4 meters 2x Hutter's parlour Ellen's sitting room

A lamp is shining. Hutter and Ellen. They are sitting on the chaise lounge. The happiness of being reunited was too much.

Overpowered by emotion, he sinks down on her arm.

Scene 123

In front of Hutter's

Nosferatu, staring up

4 meters

house

Scene 124 6 meters

Fade-in. Hutter and Ellen, on the chaise lounge. He sits up, looking

deep into her eyes.

Title: Thank God . . . you are well . . . now everything

has come all right.

She does not understand him. But the joy of being together again is stronger than anything else. And the

room is bright.

[Scene 125]

10 meters

Street in front of Hutter's

House

There is nobody about. But in the middle of the street stands NOSFERATU, hidden by the night, carrying the coffin. Slowly, he turns his head and looks over to Hutter's

house

Shot of Hutter's house

[There is a friendly light in the window]

The deserted house

Empty! Carrying the coffin - Nosferatu appears

in picture.

Medium close-up: NOSFERATU. Once more he turns his head. He looks over

to the other side. The deserted house is over there. He

makes for that now, walking slow. Then he goes into the house.

Fade-out.

Scene 126

12 meters

On the stranded ship The captain, collapsed in death, is tied to the helm. In the

foreground, some men, Harding among them, are climbing

up on deck. They are aghast at the terrible sight.

Close-up: The dead captain. Tied to the helm in discharge of his duty!

One hand is still on the helm. The other, holding a crucifix,

clutches his chest in mortal agony.

His head sunk back, face distorted. There are two red marks

on his neck . . .

Close-up: Harding. He cannot comprehend the horror . . .

Scene 127 6 meters

Sandbank harbor The stranded ship is in sight. It is night-time

Long shot: In the blowing wind nocturnal figures . . .townspeople Close-up: Down the tilted hulk a man is climbing along a rope.

Medium close-up: By the light of a torch! the captain of the harbor with a

number of old people . . . Looking like fishermen. The

climber approaches and reports.

Title: Everything has been examined . .

No living soul on board.

The captain receives the report . . . jots down some notes.

Scene 128 10 meters [Is inserted below]

On board ship. Night

Long shot: Back-board with helm.

Some men are lifting up the dead captain, and carrying

off the corpse.

Captain's cabin: Harding alone . . . he finds a book next to a masthead that

is affixed to the helm. In the light of a dim lantern

he reads:

Close-up: A page of the book

Varna - July 12

Crew - apart from myself the captain - one helmsman

mate and five sailors.

Departing - for the Dardanelles.

Normal Shot: Harding shakes his head.

He is puzzled.

On deck. Harding emerges from the cabin

with the book in his hand.

Fade-out.

Scene 129 15 meters Fade-in: Daytime

Port Authority building A large hall. On the walls a number of figure heads

Models of ships are suspended from the ceiling. The

dead captain [is carried] in lying in state.

Medium Close-up: Dr. Sievers is examining him. He notices the marks on

his neck.

Dr. Sievers turns to Harding. He, too, cannot make sense of this case. Nevertheless he talks incessantly. Harding **comes closer** shows him the log-book. Both

of them are reading:

Close-up: The log-book. A page:

Second day: July 13

A sailor has fallen ill with a fever. Course: SSW. Direction of wind:

Third day: July 14

Mate is talking strangely. He says there is an unknown

passenger below deck.

Course SE. Direction of wind NE.

Volume of wind 3.6.

Normal shot: Sievers and Harding are looking at each other.

Sievers' white beard is trembling. They continue reading.

Tenth day: July 22 Rats in the ship's hold. Danger of plague.

Normal shot: Harding has been reading this aloud.

Now Sievers understands at last. He points to the book with his finger. Danger of plague! That's what it is. Dan-

ger of plague, he calls out.

Title: Danger of plague!

Go home!

Shut all your windows and doors!

Deeply frightened, the bystanders move away. The women put the ends of their head-scarves into their mouths. Panic-

stricken .the crowd leaves the room.

Fade-out.

(Perhaps end of act)

Scene 130

15 meters

Fade-in

A deserted square: Nobody is about. Except in the center of the square, the

town-drummer with his large drum.

Medium close-up:

The drummer. He beats a mighty roll.

Medium close-up:

A closed window. The hatch opens and a woman's head appears: totally emaciated, sunken cheeks, long dishevelled hair. The disease has gripped her too. On her neck the

ominous little marks.

Medium close-up:

The drummer has produced a piece of paper and reads

it aloud:

Title:

All citizens are notified that the honorable magistrate of this town prohibits any movement of plague-suspects into hospitals to prevent the plague from spreading through the streets.

The drummer has finished reading and goes off.

End of Act IV

### Act V

Scene 131 Fade in.

15 meters

A bend in a street

A man emerges from a front door. He shuts the door behind him. Quickly and with circumspection he chalks a white cross on the door. Then goes on.

Panning shot:

The adjoining house. The man knocks hard on the door. From a window above a head looks out. There are still people living here. The man moves on.

Panning shot:

The first house in the side-street. A coffin is being carried out. Men carrying it have white bandages over their mouths. The man comes along and draws a cross on this house, too. Then he walks on, following his horrible business.

Scene 132

15 meters 2x shaded candle on table

near armchair.

Ellen's bedroom

Close-up: Book-cover Inscription

(Vampire) See Chapter 1 of book.

Dissolve to: Ellen by the

Ellen by the window, the book on her knees continues reading, overcoming her aversion.

Chapter II appears.

Medium close-up:

Ellen is pondering on what she has read. Hutter comes into the picture, with agitation

almost hostility he grabs the book.

Ellen, standing now, looks straight into his eyes, turns and points over to the deserted

house.

Compare the following black dress and shawl

Hutter, black waist-coat and jacket.

Ellen's room. Long shot:

Ellen by the window. Hutter approaches from

the door

Medium close

Suddenly, she grabs his arm, stares out of the window pointing out, she shouts: There!!!
Her body is tensed up like a bow trembling with excitement.

3 meters

Scene 133

The deserted house

Almost at once dissolve

to window.

Medium close-up:

Seen through Ellen's window frame.

A window, divided into four rectangular panes. Light from behind. Stuck to the window, almost

completely covering it,

something looking like a black fourlegged spider. It takes a moment before one can make out Nosferatu's fingers which are clawing the window frame. In the center of the body, grinning lasciviously,

the waxen face with ratlike teeth.

Scene 134 8 meters 2x

Ellen's bedroom. Ellen holds frantically on to Hutter's hand [shaken]

breathing heavily

She bends her head back. towards him saying.

Title: This is how I see it- every evening. . .!!!

She bends her head back. She knows all she has to know. And there is peace in the knowledge. Hutter has not come to that yet. He finds her calmness disturbing. He follows the retreating figure

with his eyes.

Medium close-up: Ellen is swaying.

Medium close-up:

Fade-out.

Hutter, despairingly, presses his fist against his face.

Scene 135 6 meters

In front of Hutter's house It is now evening. The lamp-lighter comes down

the darkening street and lights up the street-lamps.

The he walks on. ! remains!

Scene 136 10 meters

Fade-in:

Anny's bedroom Long shot:

Anny crouching on a chaise lounge. Bent over her Harding who is holding her hands and trying to

calm down the struggling woman who is shaking fitfully. She collapses with exhaustion. Then pulls himself

together and decides:

Title: I will run over quickly . . .

I shall get Sievers.

And he is gone.

Medium close-up: Anny, having almost fainted with fear, comes to

again. She opens her eyes. She lifts her head. Nobody around?! Is she all alone?! Isn't there something moving about in the corner? Something

fluttering at the window?

Medium close-up: The window, covered by the curtain. Behind it

the shadow of a giant bat.

It grows and grows. Soon it isn't a bat any long-

er. A vampire! NOSTERATU?!

Medium close-up: Anny's body hits the wall. She jumps up and pulls

the bell. Then half crazed with fear, she runs

into the background.

Scene 137

Anny's bedroom.

Long shot: Night. Servants running to and fro in the direc-

tion of the bedroom.

The bell is ringing.

137b Servant's room. A servant asleep doesn't hear, turns

over in his sleep

138 3 meters

Anny's **Bedroom** Anny pressed close to the wall. Servants are rushing in.

There!

She shouts pointing to the window. Like a flock of chicken the women are huddling together. Anny rushes over to them, but they are already so gripped by fear that they imagine her fingers, which they are trying to push back, to be the vampire's claws. Shrieking, they run off in all directions. The door is slammed shut. Anny beats against the door. She is waiting for the horror, but she doesn't want to see it, much rather die first. She grabs a table cloth and covers her head and neck. Then she collapses.

Fade-out.

Scene 139 3 meters

Fade-in.

Ellen's bedroom Daytime. Ellen by the window . . .looking out. She stands

motionless. Paralysed by misery she witnesses the daily

scene of wretchedness.

Scene 140 8 meters

Street in front of

Hutter's's house Ascending. In the distance, a strange procession is wandering

across the street. One coffin after another carried by survivors. Past Hutter's house, towards the procession, a man is dragging himself along, tired to death. She supports himself by a stick. He catches sight of the distant procession

and lifts up his hands to heaven in misery.

Scene 141 with window frame Ellen

Ellen's room. Ellen, on the point of fainting, turns away from the window

She cannot bear the sight of this wretchedness any longer. She sinks into a chair, resting her head in her hands.

Close-up: The book, open. She has been reading it for days

Close up: A page of the book:

ONLY IF A CHASTE WOMAN CAN FEARLESSLY MAKE

HIM

MISS THE FIRST CROWING

OF THE COCK WILL HE DISINTEGRATE

IN THE LIGHT OF

DAWN

Close-up: Ellen lifts up her head, staring into space like a visionary.

She knows. She shuts her eyes.

Fade out.

Scene 142 3 meters

Fade-in.

In front of Harding's

mansion..

Medium close-up: The porch. Harding - haggard - a broken man,

comes out. He closes the door and supports himself against the door-post. His hand reaches up, paints a black cross on the door . . . and falls down. His hollow eyes refrain from looking at his work . . . again . . . they cannot bear to see the symbol. He moves forward with a glazed look in his eyes.

Fade-out. Harding: black cape, dark trousers

Scene 143 7 meters

Fade-in.

Close up:

In front of deserted house Street

A group of emaciated men with a fanatical look about them are standing around. An unkept-looking

woman is haranguing them. They are raising

their fists.

Title: He has been seen!

He ran out of the house! He strangled the attendant!

Scene 144 8 meters

Well in the market-place Two ancient women are sitting by the well. Death

has no terrors for them. Since every new day is a

present to them.

Close-up: The are whispering to each other; their heads

are trembling.

Title: In the deserted house. . .

that's where it is hiding.

He strangled him. The vampire.

Medium close-up: Further back agitated people are running

across the square, shouting excitedly to one another. The two woman turn around

gesturing fiercely.

The clench their bony fists threateningly. Harding can be seen behind the well. He has heard everything.

He utters a bitter and mocking laugh.

Long shot: Harding walks on.

144a 10 meters

Street shot from above: Crossing. Crowd gathering from all sides,

then moving in one direction.

Close-up: A street-corner with a man

who points at something above. People rush up to him; they all turn to face the same way, look up, make threatening gestures

Somebody throws stones.

Scene 145 Gable of a house

A figure is crouching on a roof-top

Scene 146 (?)

Medium close-up:

It is Knock. He is looking down with a sneer on his face and pokes out his tongue A stone whizzes part him. He suddenly gets up and clambers off.

8 meters

Scene 147

Ellen's bedroom

Ellen in an old armchair, busy embroidering a cushion in the cross-stitch manner of the 1840s

An inscription reading: I LOVE YOU

She puts down her work, resting her head. Tired, she falls to day-dreaming. Then she lights

Medium close-up:

Ellen takes up her work again, determined

to finish it.

Scene 148

Back of deserted house.

Evening 4 meters

The street is empty. Knock jumps down a wall and runs off. In the distance some men appear, chasing him. They catch sight of him and rush

after him.

Scene 149

Meadows outside the town

8 meters

Shot against a wide expanse of sky. In the distance running figures, no more then silhouettes (Turn slowly) Knock in front. His pursuers following a long way behind.

Scene 150

Fields.

3 meters

Evening mists. Cornfields waving in the wind. Suddenly, right in front between the ears of corn head. Dishevelled hair. Then a bony back

The heads turn around slowly.

It is Knock.

Scene 151

3 meters

A lane between fields.

The landscape has grown dim in the evening light. The men chasing Knock are approaching. They stop.

They seem to have lost the trail.

Suddenly, one of them sees something. He opens

his eyes wide, shouting: there!!!

They all look one way. They dash off in that

direction.

Scene 152

Cornfield, Long-shot:

10 meters

In the distance one can still the back and dishevelled head. Is it Knock? He seems not to hear or see his pursuers. The men are coming near, rushing towards him across the field.

They lift their sticks and fists.

Scene 152 continued

Medium close-up A scare-crow. A black coat is dangling on a stick.

Bits of straw and tattered rags. The men fall on it in the disappointment. Suddenly they stop.

There! What can that be !!!

Long-shot: A hundred feet away a head has appeared. Then

the figure of a man. It is moving away quickly.

The chase starts up again.

Fade-out.

Scene 153 3 meters

Title: Night

Deserted house. Medium Nosferatu at the window.

close-up:

Dissolve

Scene 154 8 meters 2x

Ellen's bedroom

Medium close-up: Ellen wakes up. She sits up in bed, listening

as if she had heard somebody calling her. She gets up, walking as if pulled by invisible

threads.

Long shot: She goes over to the window. In the fore-

ground Hutter asleep in an armchair, look-

ing worn out.

Medium close-up: Ellen is clinging to the window. She sees.

Scene 155. 3 meters

Deserted house. Nosferatu at the window.

He raises his arms slowly.

156

Ellen's room

Medium close-up: Ellen is about to collapse by the window.

Shaking with fear she struggles violently

with herself. The last battle.

Twice her hands comes up to open the window and drops down again weakly; then, with sudden determination, she pulls herself up dead straight and deliberately throws the

window wide open.

157 4 meters

Deserted house.

Medium close-up: Window

Nosferatu moves away from the window, turns

around and disappears.

Scene 158 4 meters

Ellen's room. Close-up: Ellen trembling with fear and apprehension

Scene 159

Deserted house

Medium close-up Locked-up gates

Suddenly the gates swing open:

Nosferatu appears

12 meters 2x

Ellen's room.

Medium close-up:

Ellen is covering her face with her hands, seized

with mortal fear.

Long shot; window moves out of picture

Ellen at window. She wants to call for help.

She staggers forward. She stops in front of Hutter.

One last moment of indecision.

Then she wakes him up. Hutter jumps to his feet. He catches the trembling figure in his arms.

and carries her over to the sofa.

She begs him, hands raised as if in prayer:

Title: Bulwer . . . Fetch Bulwer!

She entreats him to go. Hutter takes her hands, she

quickly kisses his head, Then he rushes out.

Scene 161

In front of Hutter's

House.

A path bordered by flowers.

Hutter rushes out.

Trousers, pleated shirt, collar without tie. No hat

no waist coat.

3 meters

Scene 162

Ellen's room

Long shot. Ellen is still looking in the direction she saw Hutter

leave, then she gets up and walks toward the

leave, then she gets up and warks toward to

window.

5 meters

Scene 163

Deserted house.

Long Shot: Nosferatu is walking forward and moves out of the

picture. The house looks more deserted than ever!

164

In front of Hutter's

house

Nobody is about. Nosferatu is approaching. He comes

to a halt. (He is preparing to jump, looks up)

He enters the house.

165

Ellen's room Ellen turns around suddenly. She is shaking with

fear, anticipating the horror about to happen. And it is coming - - slowly, tensed like a predatory animal. She recoils, moves backwards step by step,

and step by step it follows her Heart! - Hand

Bulwer's laboratory (Living room)

6 meters

In addition to the already familiar fish tanks there is a large telescope by a window. A profusion of antiquated scientific gadgets, globes etc. A lamp is burning. Bulwer asleep in dressing-gown and night-cap in the armchair. Cages with birds and all kinds of animals. Hutter rushes in. He wakes Bulwer, begs him to come with him. Bulwer starts to get dressed.

Scene 167

A municipal building on the period (town hall)

A large crowd is gathering in front of the town hall. Knock has been captured. More people keep pouring in from all sides.

Omitted 5 meters

Scene 168 An office room inside the town hall

Sievers rushes in excitedly from the adjoining room accompanied by a man who has brought him the news. From the other side Knock is being brought in. The lunatic is trembling with fear.

Scene 169

Ellen's room

Scene 170

Scene 171

Siever's lunatic's cell

Inside the town hall

Title:

Scene 172

Ellen's room.

Scene 173

Scene 174 Ellen's room 4 meters

Night. Ellen in bed, the strangler is at her throat, his fingers clawing her arms. Her eyes, widened in mortal fear, have a glazed look. Then she seems to have heard something.

A cock jumps on to a still-life farm implements. He flaps his wings, puffs up his throat and heralds the morning.

6 meters Knock

Knock at the window, held by two men. Trying to ward them off, he shouts anxiously:

The master . . . the master . . .!

Nosferatu raises his head. He looks drunk with pleasure. Ellen eyes are full of terrible fear. She must not allow Nosferatu just to go. She pulls her arms around him: he cannot resist and bends his head over her again.

Omitted

3 meters

The sun is rising over the small town.

Ellen's last moment of apprehension. There, isn't that a flicker of sunlight on the wall over her bed? Here eyes light up hopefully and remain fixed on this first sign of the new day. She stretches out her hand for it. And look: it is moving downwards.

Street with front gardens

5 meters

The long shadows of sunrise. Nobody is about Then shoulders of Hutter and Bulwer appear. They are hurrying on and turning into a side

street.

Scene 176 Ellen's room

8 meters

The bed is bathed in sunlight. Ellen's eyes are full of anticipation. Has she sacrificed herself in vain? Suddenly the horrible figure jerks himself up. He looks about in amazement. He clutches his heart. The bestial tenseness of his bearing relaxes. For a moment he stands, legs apart, as if trying to regain his balance. He clutches his heart again and falls on his knees, his face turned to the sun, distorted by pain.

Scene 177

Siever's lunatic cell

Town hall

Medium close-up:

Knock 5 meters

Knock, in a straitjacket, alone in the sunlight which is falling through a barred window. He is mumbling disconnected words:

Title:

The master . . . the master . . . is dead.

His head sinks on to his chest.

Scene 178 Ellen's room

8 meters

Nosferatu on his knees, supporting himself with one hand on the ground. He raises the other in the direction of the sun to shield himself from the light that brings him death. But he cannot hold out against the sun. His fingers, his hand, his arm are dissolving in the light. The sun seems about to strike his heart. Now his body is disintegrating in the light. Ellen throws up her hands triumphantly calling:

Title:

Hutter!

Scene 179

4 meters

In front of Hutter's House

Shot looking out from the doorway into the distance. Bulwer and Hutter are running, not just walking into the house.

Scene 180

8 meters

Ellen in bed. In anticipation, her hand reaches out for Hutter. Hutter comes rushing in, falls on his knees by the bed. He takes hold of her

Close-up:

Her hand grasps his, the it lets go weakly and

drops away.

Ellen's head falls over ----

Bulwer is standing at the window, hands behind

his back looking out.

THE END