

D2765 DARK STAR (USA, 1974)

Credits: director, John Carpenter ; writer, John Carpenter, Dan O'Bannon.

Cast: Brian Narelle, Andreijah Pahich, Carl Kuniholm, Dan O'Bannon.

Summary: Science fiction film set in an indeterminate future. Dark Star is a scoutship traveling far in advance of colony ships. Armed with Exponential Thermostellar bombs, it prowls the unstable planets. But there is one obstacle that it's crewmembers did not count on--one of the ship's thinking and talking bombs is lodged in the bay, threatening to destroy the entire ship and crew. Begun as a student film project at USC in 1971 and later extended to feature length, *Dark star* is described as one of many 1970's films with "pertinent sub-textual allusions to the Vietnam War contributing greatly to its overall mood and texture" by Tony Williams in Vietnam war films.

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