

P4000 PIRANHA (USA, 1978)
(Other titles: Raedsler i dybet)

Credits: director, Joe Dante ; writer, John Sayles.

Cast: Bradford Dillman, Heather Menzies, Kevin McCarthy, Keenan Wynn.

Summary: Horror film set in contemporary Texas. Maggie McKeown (Menzies) is a private investigator tracing a couple missing in rural Texas. She meets recluse Paul Grogan (Dillman) whom she recruits to help her. They trace the couple to a supposedly deserted Army base where they drain a pool looking for the missing couple. Mad scientist Dr. Robert Hoak (McCarthy) then appears, and informs them that they have just released a school of super-bred killer piranha into the river. Hoak had been hired by the Army to develop an indestructible strain of piranha to infest the rivers of Vietnam, but the war ended before the fish were ready. Meanwhile, the fish are heading downstream toward a summer camp where the children (Grogan's daughter among them) are about to have an inner-tube race.

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