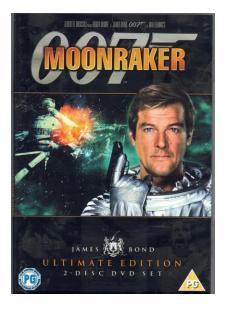
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# The Paragon Multimedia DVD, VHS Collection

## 12. Title: Moonraker





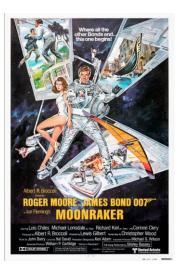
Released: 27<sup>th</sup> June 1979 UK 29<sup>th</sup> June 1979 US

Origin: UK, France, US

Duration: 2h 6m

Rated: A

Action, Adventure, Sci-Fi, Thriller



### **Information**

Sound mix: Mono Dolby Surround

7.1 Dolby Atmos

Aspect Ratio: 2.39:1

Languages: English, Italian,

Portuguese

Filming locations: Château de Guermantes, Seine-et-Marne, France (Drax's mansion - interiors)

## **Storyline**

A Drax Industries Moonraker Space Shuttle on loan to the United Kingdom

is hijacked in midair while on a Shuttle Carrier Aircraft. The carrier is destroyed but no wreckage of the shuttle is found. M, head of MI6, assigns James Bond, Agent 007, to investigate. En route to England, Bond is attacked and pushed out of an aeroplane by the mercenary assassin Jaws. He survives by stealing a parachute from the pilot, while Jaws lands on a trapeze net within a circus tent. At the Drax Industries spaceplane-manufacturing complex in California, Bond meets the owner of the company, Hugo Drax, and his henchman Chang. Bond also meets Dr. Holly Goodhead, an astronaut, and survives an assassination attempt while inside a centrifuge chamber. Drax's personal pilot, Corinne Dufour, helps Bond find blueprints for a glass vial made in Venice; Drax discovers her involvement and has her killed by his pet dogs.

In Venice, Bond encounters Goodhead and observes her snooping around a door near the glass factory, then is chased through the canals by Drax's henchmen. He returns to the factory at night to investigate and discovers a secret biological laboratory, and learns that the glass vials are to hold a nerve gas deadly to humans, but harmless to plants and animals. Chang attacks Bond, but Bond throws him through the stained glass clockface of the Saint Mark's clocktower, killing him; during the fight, Bond finds evidence that Drax is moving his operation to Rio de Janeiro. Rejoining Goodhead, he deduces that she is a CIA



agent spying on Drax. Bond has saved one of the vials he found earlier, as the only evidence of the nowempty laboratory; he gives it to M for analysis, who permits him to go to Rio de Janeiro under the pretence of being on leave.

Bond survives attacks by Jaws, Chang's replacement, during Rio Carnival and on the Sugarloaf Cable Car at Sugarloaf Mountain. After Jaws' cable car crashes, he is rescued from the rubble by Dolly, a young woman, and the two fall in love. Drax's forces capture Goodhead, but Bond escapes; he learns that the toxin comes from a rare orchid indigenous to the Amazon jungle. Bond travels the Amazon River and comes under attack from Drax's forces, before eventually locating his base. Captured by Jaws, Bond is taken to Drax and witnesses four Moonrakers lifting off. Drax explains that he stole back the loaned Shuttle because another in his fleet had developed a fault during assembly. Bond and Goodhead are locked in a room under the launch platform, and narrowly escape being burned alive by the exhausts of Moonraker 5, which is carrying Drax, and pose as pilots on Moonraker 6. The shuttles dock with Drax's space station, hidden from radar by a cloaking device.

Bond and Goodhead disable the radar jamming cloaking device; the United States sends a company of Marines aboard another shuttle to intercept the now-visible space station. Jaws captures Bond and Goodhead, to whom Drax reveals his plan to destroy humanity by launching fifty globes that would disperse the nerve gas into Earth's atmosphere. Drax had transported several dozen genetically perfect young men and women of varying races to the space station in the shuttles. They would live there until Earth was safe again for human life, their descendants a "new master race." Bond persuades Jaws to switch his allegiance by getting Drax to admit that anyone not measuring up to his physical standards, including him and Dolly, would be exterminated. Jaws attacks Drax's guards, and a laser battle ensues between Drax's forces and Bond, Jaws, and the Marines. Drax's forces are defeated as the station is destroyed, while Bond shoots and ejects Drax into space. Bond and Goodhead use Drax's laser-armed Moonraker 5 to destroy the three launched globes and return to Earth. Jaws and Dolly, who ejected themselves in one of Drax's escape pods, are recovered by the Marines. Bond's superiors get a video feed of Moonraker 5 and are bemused to see Bond and Goodhead making love in zero gravity.

## Cast

Roger Moore - James Bond Lois Chiles - Holly Goodhead Michael Lonsdale - Hugo Drax Richard Kiel - Jaws Corinne Cléry - Corinne Dufour (as Corinne Clery) Bernard Lee - M Geoffrey Keen - Sir Frederick Gray Desmond Llewelyn - Q Lois Maxwell - Miss Moneypenny Toshirô Suga – Chang (as Toshiro Suga) Emily Bolton - Manuela Blanche Ravalec - Dolly - Jaws' Girlfriend Irka Bochenko - Blonde Beauty Mike Marshall - Col. Scott (as Michael Marshall) Leila Shenna - Hostess Private Jet Anne Lonnberg - Museum Guide Jean-Pierre Castaldi - Pilot Private Jet (as Jean Pierre Castaldi) Walter Gotell - General Gogol

Roger Moore as Commander James Bond "007", an MI6 agent assigned to look into the theft of a shuttle from the "Moonraker" space programme.

Lois Chiles as Holly Goodhead, an astronaut scientist on loan from NASA working at Drax Industries. She is later revealed to be a CIA agent.

Michael Lonsdale as Hugo Drax, an industrialist who plans to poison all humans on Earth, then repopulate the planet from his space station.

Richard Kiel as Jaws, Drax's new henchman who replaces Chang at Drax Industries. He is known for his giant stature and possessing a set of strong steel teeth.

Corinne Cléry as Corinne Dufour, Drax's personal pilot.

Emily Bolton as Manuela, 007's contact in Rio.

Toshiro Suga as Chang, Drax's first henchman.

Irka Bochenko as Blonde Beauty, Drax's lead henchwoman.

Geoffrey Keen as Frederick Gray

Lois Maxwell as Miss Moneypenny, M's secretary.

Nicholas Arbez as Drax's Boy

Bernard Lee as "M", the head of MI6. This was Bernard Lee's final appearance as M.

Desmond Llewelyn as "Q", MI6's "quartermaster" who supplies Bond with multipurpose vehicles and gadgets useful for the latter's mission.

Anne Lonnberg as a museum guide, and Drax's henchwoman.

Jean-Pierre Castaldi as the pilot of the private jet from the opening sequence.

Blanche Ravalec as Dolly, Jaws' girlfriend; her name is not given in dialogue but she is named in the closing credits.

Michael Marshall as Colonel Scott, an American Space Marines commander.

Leila Shenna as the hostess of the private jet from the opening sequence.

Walter Gotell portrays General Anatoly Gogol, the head of the KGB.

#### **Parents Guide**

Certification

Argentina:Atp Australia:PG Australia:NRC (original rating) Belgium:12 Brazil:12 Canada:PG (Manitoba/Ontario) Canada:A (Nova Scotia) Canada:G (Quebec) Denmark:15 (DVD and Blu-ray rating) Finland:K-16 Finland:K-15/13 Finland:K-16/13 France:Tous publics Germany:12 (DVD rating) Greece:K-8 Hong Kong:II Hong Kong:IIA (re-rating) Hungary:16 India:UA (re-rating) India:A (1980, original rating) Ireland:12RA (VHS) Ireland:PG (re-rating) Italy:T Japan:G (2015) Malaysia:18PL (original rating) Malaysia:P13 (re-rating) Mexico:B (original rating) Mexico:A (re-rating) Netherlands:12 Netherlands:AL (2000, DVD rating) New Zealand:PG Nigeria:PG Norway:15 (DVD and Bluray rating) Norway:12 (recommended rating) Norway:16 (1979, cinema rating) Peru:Apt Philippines:PG (self-applied) Poland:7 Portugal:M/12 Russia:12+ Saudi Arabia:PG Singapore:PG South Africa:A South Korea:15 Spain:A (ICAA) Sweden:15 United Kingdom:PG United Kingdom:A (original rating) United Kingdom:PG (tv rating) United Kingdom:PG (2009, video rating: audio commentary) United Kingdom:PG (2012, video rating) United States:PG (certificate #25614) West Germany:16 (original rating)

Sex & Nudity -Mild Violence & Gore - Moderate Profanity - Mild Alcohol, Drugs & Smoking - Mild Frightening & Intense Scenes - Mild

