

Film Title and Release Date: *Innerspace* (1987)

Film Length in Minutes: 120 minutes

Film Genre: Comedy/Science Fiction

Reviewer Name and Grade: Naysa T., 8th Grade

Date Reviewed: December 16, 2021

This film starts at a party in San Francisco, for the pilots and science researchers launching a new project. We meet the main character, Tuck Pedleton fighting some guys. His girlfriend Lydia Maxwell jumps in to save him and takes him home to his messy apartment. Lydia realizes how messy and disorganized Tuck is, so she leaves him in the morning by taxi. This is the day that Tuck starts his new job as the pilot of a new minimization experiment in a lab. The project is to shrink a human, and transport him into the body of a rabbit. The movie flashes to a supermarket worker, Jack Putter. Jack is hyper-active and has some sort of paranoia, who is always at the doctor for his nervousness. Jack has a breakdown at his job at the grocery store and is let go from work. He sprints to the doctor, and the doctor suggests he goes on a cruise. While Jack goes to get the cruise tickets from the mall, chaos occurs at the lab. The miniaturizing experiment goes wrong. Spies break into the lab while the miniaturizing was happening. Once the scientist shrunk Tuck in his ship. Before tuck could be injected into the rabbit subject, the spies break in. The head of the experiment, Doctor Oz, grabs the syringe that has Tuck in the ship, and he runs away. One of the spies follows Doctor Oz all the way to the mall, and Doctor Oz runs away. In a rush, Doctor Oz pricks a random stranger with the miniaturized Tuck. The random man is Jack. Tuck falls unconscious during the sudden injection and, when he awakes, is unaware of what has happened and believes he's been injected into the rabbit. After attempts to radio the lab are unsuccessful, Tuck navigates the pod to the optic nerve and implants a camera so he can see what the "host" sees. Realizing he is inside a human, Tuck makes contact by attaching another device to Jack's inner ear, enabling him to talk to Jack, initially with embarrassing consequences. Tuck explains that the pod has only a 24 hour supply of oxygen and needs his help in order to extract him by going back to the lab. Jack, after an embarrassing incident at his job and after talking to his doctor, goes to the lab to talk to Dr Niles and head of security, Pete Blanchard. Jack fonts, tucks the car and drives to find Lydia to get her help with the situation, and they look for the chip. One important seller on the black market, "The Cowboy," is in town, so they go to find him. Jack knocks him out and Tuck changes Jack's face to look like the Cowboys. The next morning "the Cowboy" Jack has a meeting to talk about the chip with the people who stole it. Jack steals it and they get back to the lab, right before Tuck's oxygen runs out. Tuck makes it out alive and Lydia forgives him. At the end of the movie is a flash to Turks and Lydia's wedding day.

How did you find this film on Kanopy?

I found this film while casually browsing.

Did the plot keep you interested?

The plot of this film kept me interested because it was witty and interesting to watch. They invested me in seeing if Tuck would survive.

Was the pace of the film too fast too slow or just right?

The pace of this film was just right. I liked how each major part of the movie happened quickly with top action.

What grade level(s) is this film appropriate for?

This film is appropriate for grades 6 and up because it had a few curse words.

I give this film 5 stars. I really liked how crazy and hilarious the movie was, and how it also had bits of science. The characters were wonderful, and the movie had a good theme to never give up.

Reviewer Name and Grade: Claire C., 9th Grade

Date Reviewed: March 29, 2022

Innerspace is a fictional movie about a man named Tuck Pendleton, who is a Marine. He decides to participate in an experiment where he will be shrunk into a microscopic version of himself and placed in a syringe before being injected into a bunny. The technology is cutting edge, and there are criminal masterminds who want it for themselves. They break into the lab and try to steal the shrinking device along with the miniature version of Tuck. Due to a quick thinking scientist, Tuck escapes from the lab only to end up being injected into a random man at a shopping mall named Jack Putter. Tuck then has to race against the clock to figure out what has happened (that he is now inside of a human instead of a bunny), find a way to communicate with his host, and convince him what has happened. Together, they must work together to outsmart the bad guys who are chasing them, and to un-miniaturize Tuck before his oxygen supply runs out. The movie takes place in San Francisco in the year 1987. The main characters in the film are Tuck Pendleton, Jack Putter, and Lydia Maxwell, Tuck's girlfriend.

How did you find the film on Kanopy?

I found the film through casual browsing.

Did the plot or presentation of information keep you interested?

It kept me interested for the most part except for a few slow areas.

Was the pace of this film too fast, too slow, or just right?

I thought the pacing was a bit slow.

What grade level is this film appropriate for?

I think that this film is appropriate for anyone in 8th grade or higher.

Rating:

I would personally rate the film *3 stars*. I thought that it had a very creative concept that could've made for a great movie if it was better executed. I just felt that because the concept was so interesting, there was no reason for the movie to be so boring in certain parts. I also thought that the plot was hard to follow at times and required a lot of focus to understand, but that could always just be my fault. With that being said, I did think that the effects in this movie were quite impressive considering the year it was made. Overall, I thought this was a decent film.

Reviewer Name and Grade: Thomas K., 8th Grade

Date Reviewed: June 13, 2022

Tuck Pendleton is a cocky Marine who is part of a miniaturization experiment where he was to be shrunk and injected into a rabbit within a submarine though Shady Business Guys attack so a scientist escapes with the syringe he was in but the Shady Business Guys steal some technology that is needed to regrow him and he was injected into Jack Putter, a paranoid hypochondriac, and after some coercing Jack goes to the laboratory and learns that if they don't get the technology then Tuck would never return to full size and will die due to lack of oxygen. After working with Tuck's girlfriend Lydia he gets a lead that will lead him to where the rest of the technology is but the Shady Business Guys also want the other part of the technology as when separated they are useless. After some battling and leaving the Shady Business Guys stranded, back in the lab with only minutes of oxygen left the scientists get Truck out of Jack and save Tuck. The movie ends with Tuck's and Lydia's wedding and thank yous to Jack for saving Tuck.

How did you find this film on Kanopy?

I found this film by searching the Family Movies section of Kanopy and it can probably be found in the Scifi genre on Kanopy as well.

Did the plot keep you interested? Was the pace of the film too fast too slow or just right?

The plot by itself wouldn't be enough to keep me engaged but the great special effects, action scenes, and character moments did keep me engaged and the pace of the film was just right to play into its strengths.

What grade level(s) is this film appropriate for?

There are a few mildly inappropriate scenes and alcohol use in the movie so I believe that the movie is suitable for 4th graders and up maybe 5th and up.

Rating:

All in all I think that this movie gets *4 stars* and was very enjoyable but nothing that special but, there are some great visual effects. I think that some of the character moments are the highlights such as Jack's ending (which I avoided spoiling) and when both Tuck and Jack get drunk are some of the best moments in the movie. Also, the action scenes are great such as when Jack is trying to jump off a truck and in the beginning where the scientist is being chased. And finally the special effects in Jack such as his blood from Tuck's perspective are great though this movie missed 5 stars by feeling like a bland action movie at some points.