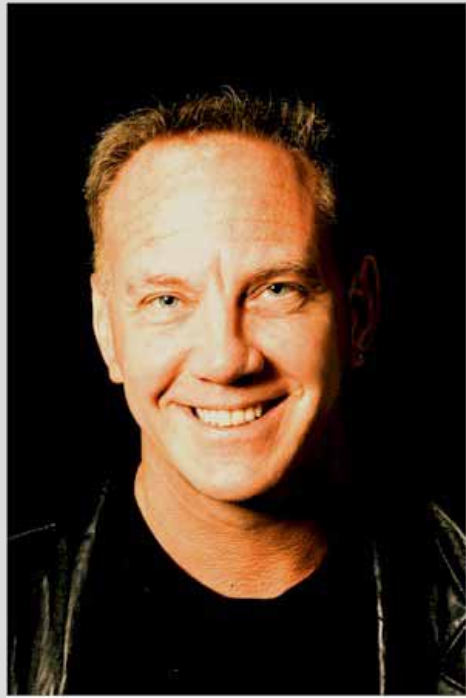


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### Excerpt...

Outside the sound of the city started to die out as the wind began to pick up. He looked back to the window to see the two orange eyes staring back at him. At first that was all he saw. They were tremendous. The black pupils themselves took up the whole floor-length window. The irises radiated outward in wavelike streaks of red and yellow on an orange background. Now his eyes adjusted to see the pattern of scales in swirls as they ran forward into a snout pressed against the glass. The condensation vapor from the nostrils appeared and disappeared off the window as the head of the dragon hovered before him.

*Whoosh.*

In an instant, the head was gone and the white wall of the creature's belly was flying upward. The windows themselves pressed outward a bit as if a tremendous vacuum was trying to suck them away.

His whole body had been fossilized into stone. He couldn't gasp if he had wanted to. All he could do is watch as the dragon's tail whizzed by out of sight. In less than a second, he saw the dragon up in the sky, doing a back flip. It twirled around twice, and then started charging, swooping, diving—right at him. His frozen feet finally broke free from their paralysis and he bolted to the door. Luckily it was right where he had remembered it was. Fear crushed his chest as he swung the door open and ran into the hall illuminated in emergency floodlights.

He was alone. He fell to the ground as the wall and floor behind him crumbled away and the night sky was suddenly behind him. Inches away from his feet was now a sixty-story drop to the city below. Amazingly the exit sign still beckoned in front of him. Desperately, he tried to crawl to it as two massive claws pounced down on either side of him, digging deep into the concrete.