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Some years back, when my Spacescape (see my gallery) script was optioned to a production office in Hollywood, the development director informed me that I was to have it co-scripted by someone that the studios would feel comfortable with, since I alone was an unknown entity. Dan O'Bannon immediately came to mind, and we arranged a creative meeting with him to bring him on board to co-script. I had enjoyed his work on Dark Star and Alien, and I was really looking forward to his input. He wasn't much help as it turned out, and the project of course went into turn-around. To be fair, his health had been impairing him at the time, and apparently since. I was actually stunned when he first walked in to see how feeble he'd become.

It's too bad we weren't able to work together, but I was lucky to be able to spend the few hours we did have kicking around ideas. Rest in peace, Danno!