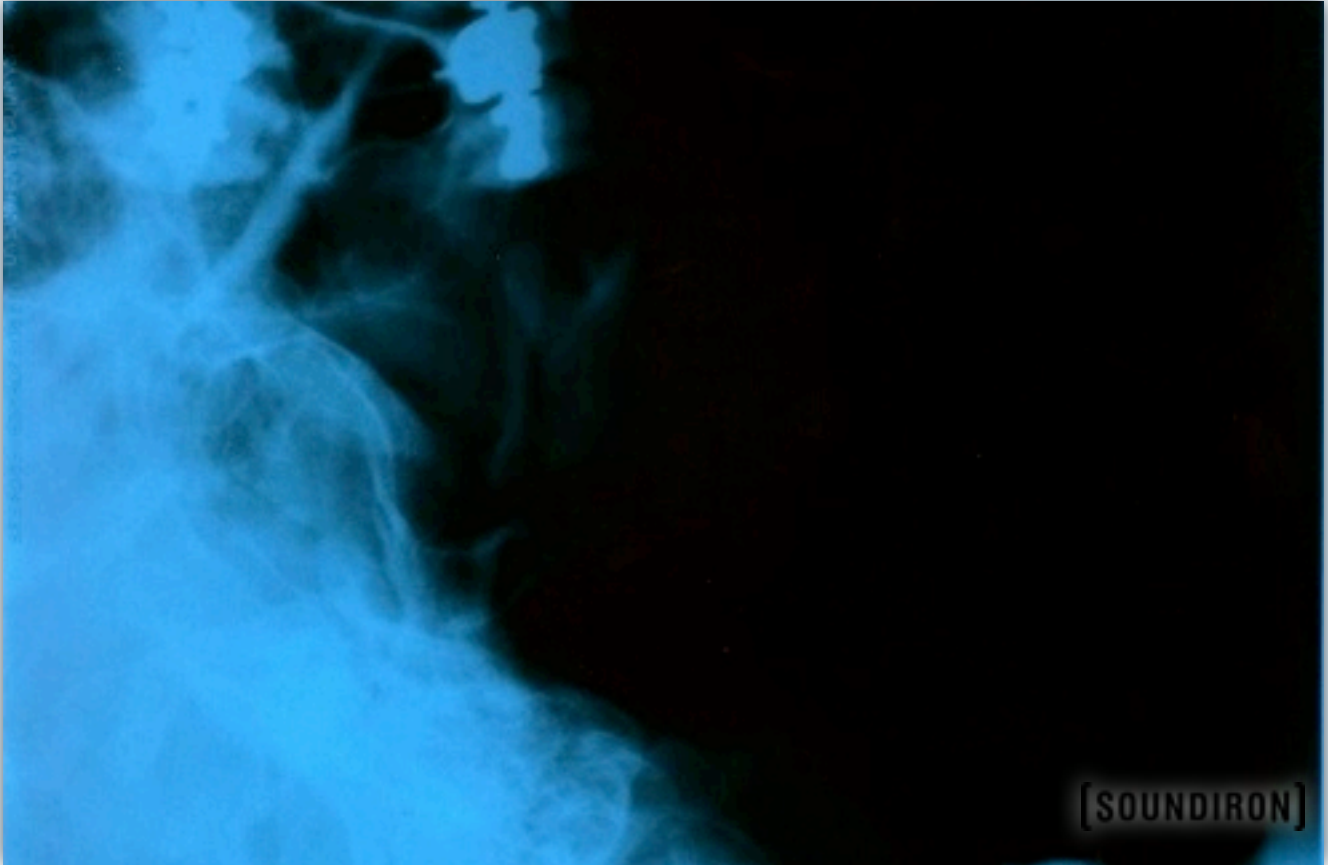


SICK I version 2.0

SOUNDIRON SICK I



Welcome Soundiron's SICK sample library, volume I.

Designed with Halloween in mind, this library is a grab-bag of gore, depravity and downright insanity. We've included a handy-dandy collection of flesh rips, skull crushes and brutally wet impacts and general nastiness. flogged a pack of zombies into submission and literally went frothing mad to design a pretty decent package of horror vocal effects for you and explored the deepest pits of our subconscious fears to design a selection of nightmarish soundscapes, musical pads atonal drones, and pitch-black ambiances.

We've included some awesome control features and built-in effects to let you shape every aspect of the sound in realtime within Kontakt, or you can simply grab the wavs and mash them up however you like. All in all, you get over 200 grade-A production-quality horror sound effects and beds for about the price of a pound of raw hamburger. Delicious!

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OVERVIEW

22 Kontakt patches (unlocked)

206 Samples

188 MB Installed

16 Custom Convolution IR Files

16bit / 44.1kHz stereo PCM wav samples (non-unencrypted)

Powerful custom performance, effects, legato and arpeggiator control interface

Note: Native Instruments Kontakt 3.5 or later full retail version required to use nki presets.

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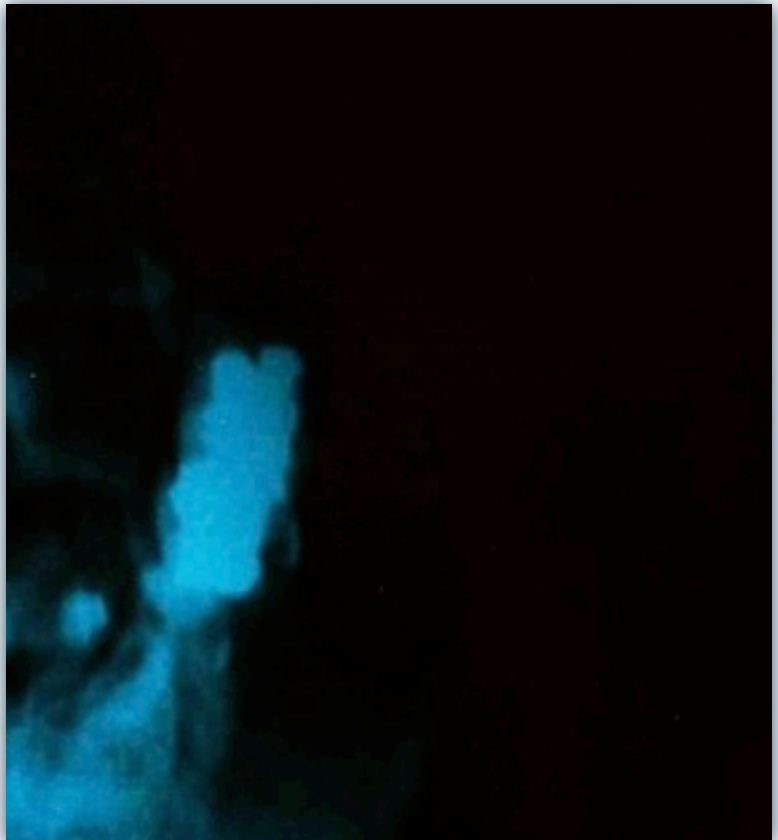
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ABOUT THIS LIBRARY

Fidelity

This library was recorded in wide stereo at 44.1kHz / 16bit., in a variety of environments. This means that unavoidable and omnipresent human sounds, like planes, industry and automobiles can inevitably find their way into these sounds. We carefully choose our equipment and methods to prevent this wherever possible, but some sounds are just very small. Therefore, please do keep in mind that we don't claim or aim to provide perfectly quiet or perfectly sterile sounds or musical instrument samples.

Accessibility

All of the sample content and impulse files are included as standard non-encrypted PCM wav files and standard open-format Kontakt presets to allow you easy access to manipulate, reprogram and customize the sounds however you prefer. We know that it's important for many users to be able to go beyond the limitations of any one sampler or preset structure, so we've kept this library's directories and files open for advanced users. As a professional, you may have your own workflow or format requirements, and we trust that you'll respect our hard work and won't share this content with anyone who hasn't paid for it.

Keep in mind that to use and/or edit the Kontakt presets, you'll need the full retail version of Native Instruments Kontakt 3.5, Kontakt 4 or Kontakt 5. Please be aware that the free Kontakt "Player" and any other version or form of Kontakt that came bundled with any other library or software product (other than NI's "Komplete" package) will not support this library. The free Kontakt Player is NOT actually a full version of Kontakt and it cannot load or play standard open-format Kontakt instruments or libraries.

While you can reprogram the samples or presets to other formats, we always recommend using Kontakt for best results, since it is widely considered the industry standard and easily the most powerful sample programming and playback platform on the market. However, if you wish to convert or reprogram the wav files and instrument presets into any other sampler or softsynth format, including free and open-source standards like SFZ, then there are a variety of great tools that you can use to customize this library, such as Extreme Sample Converter and Chickensys Translator. Just be aware that not all settings and properties will translate accurately, reliably or even at all from one instrument or audio format to the next, due to vast differences in standards, behaviors, structures and capabilities that each platform relies on.

Custom Convolution Impulses

We enjoy capturing the unique acoustic characteristics of spaces and locations that we come across from time to time. Sampling environments is similar to sampling instruments in many ways. It's done with portable loudspeakers to produce a special sine wave sweep that covers a wide spectrum, from 22 Hz to 22 kHz. We then use dedicated deconvolution software to decode the resulting audio into an impulse response file, which is a wav file with special phase, frequency and timing information embedded in the audio.

Most impulses sound like an odd sort of sharp, reverberant snap, like a balloon pop or starting pistol fired in the environment that was captured – which is in fact how impulses used to be made. When loaded into a compatible convolution reverb effect plugin (such as the one built into Kontakt), these impulses can impart their sonic properties fairly well into most sounds. Of course, it's an imperfect science and much is lost in the translation, especially if the sound being played through it also has its own strong tonal, phase or reflective properties. Sometimes the results are incredibly lifelike. Sometimes they're awful. It all depends on the sound, the impulse, the plugin and the settings used. Sometimes these variables don't play nice. Then again, you may find some unexpectedly useful and interesting results through a little experimentation.

We've included a hand-selected collection of impulse files that we think compliment this library's sound. You can load them into most instrument presets by using the Tone/FX control panel tab (in the Reverb page) and selecting an impulse from the Impulse drop-down menu. You can also manually import any of the wavs in the Impulses directory into any IR wav-compatible convolution effect plugin of your choice. Just please just make sure to keep your speakers or headphones turned down while you experiment. Convolution processing can often create powerful and piercing resonances when applied to many audio sources – especially loud sounds that contain strong mid to low frequency harmonic components.

System Requirements

The full retail version of Native Instruments Kontakt 3.5 or later is required to use this library. Please be aware that many instrument and multi-instrument programs in this library are extremely ram/cpu and hard disk-streaming resource intensive. We recommend that you have *at least* 2GB of system ram, a dual core cpu and at least a 7200 rpm SATA hard disk before purchasing this or any other Soundiron library. Large sample sets like those found in this library may load slowly and may cause system instability on older machines.

Download & Installation

Please read all instrument specs and software requirements before purchasing this or any other Soundiron products to see the full list of software requirements, features and format compatibility for each library.

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Preset Loading

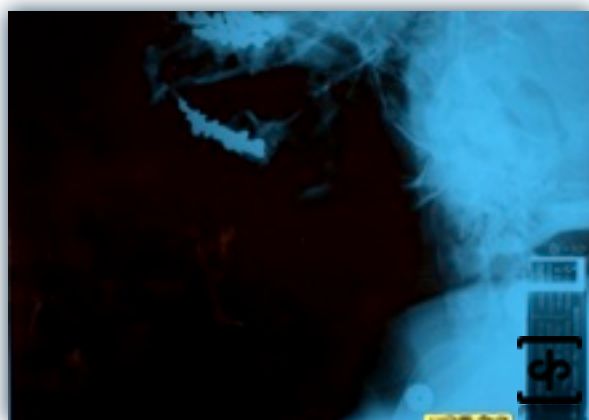
Once installation is complete, you can browse and load the included .nki presets using the Files or Database tabs in the Kontakt Browser, or through the main File load/save menu. Please allow presets to finish loading completely before loading a new one. You can't use the Libraries view to load standard open-format Kontakt Instruments like this library. Only locked "Powered-By-Kontakt" Libraries are visible to that propriety browser view. The "Add-Library" function also does not support this product or any other open-format Kontakt library. This library doesn't require any special activation.

User Presets

If you create custom presets of your own, remember to save them with a new filename. Make sure to save them into the same folder as the original or simply save your custom preset directly into the **User Presets** folder we've provided. Make sure to select "patch-only" and uncheck the "absolute sample paths" box to preserve the proper directory path structure of the library. This will allow us to provide you future updates to the original presets without accidentally overwriting your custom settings and preserve the necessary relative sample, wallpaper and impulse scripting file path settings.

Batch Re-Saving

If you move or change the directory structure within the main folder of this library, you may see a "missing sample" warning box when loading the presets into Kontakt. This can generally be corrected by using the "Batch Resave" command, located at the bottom of the drop down menu you'll see if you click on the main File menu at the top of Kontakt. Then select the folder you would like to resave. Select this library's main folder and then if Kontakt asks you where to find the missing files, select that same main folder again and press OK to continue. That will update the file-paths stored in the instrument. The scripted file-paths for the impulse files will not self-update however, so the reverb impulse loading drop-menu on the Tone / FX script tab will no longer work in many cases. To repair the impulse menu file-paths, please restore the library to its original structure.



Front Panel Controls

This instrument has a variety of special front panel performance controls that allow deep real-time performance customization. Not all instrument presets include all controls listed below. Included controls depend on the specific features suitable for each preset. Some may also use alternate CC mappings. You can see each control's assignment by clicking on each UI control to display the "hint" text in the Info bar at the bottom of Kontakt.

Attack - (CC 74)

This knob controls the sharpness of attack. Increasing the value causes the sound to attack more softly.



Release - (CC93)

This controls the release time of the sound. Lower settings cause the sound to be damped and cut off, while higher settings allow the sound to play out as long as a note is held down. In the "MW" modwheel controlled X-fading presets, release has been moved to CC93.



Swell - (CC72)

This knob controls the overall volume and intensity of the sound. This allows realtime volume swelling and fading.



Offset - (CC91)

This allows you to skip ahead and start each sample farther into the actual wav file. This allows you to customize exactly which part of the sound you want to play.



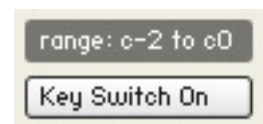
Stepping

This allows pitch shifting on the fly and determines how many semitones (100 cents) up or down from normal that the sounds will play the next time a note is triggered. You can go up or down by up to 24 semitones with this knob at any time. The pitch control key-switches override this knob. You can also use the main pitch knob or pitchwheel for realtime pitch bending.



Key Switch On/Off Button

This enables/disables the key-switches between C-2 and C0 that shift the pitch up or down. C-1 resets the pitch to default. You can see the playable key-switch range in the display above.



"Random" On/Off Button

This enables/disables the the Offset control knob and causes the ambiances to randomize their sample start position, which simulates round-robin variation. Because these are long-running ambiances, this can be especially useful in layering multiple sounds on top of each other to create more complex and evolving soundscapes.

Tone / FX Controls

The Tone / FX Tab of the main instrument user interface panel contains a full chain of special DSP effects that you can choose from. Each effect can be enable/disable and have a complete set of parameters that can be adjusted and CC or host automated independently. This special panel can be found in most of the instrument presets.

Equalizer (EQ3)



EQ3 On/Off

This button enables/disables the 3 Band EQ.

Low Gain

This knob sets the amount of gain for the low band.

Mid Gain

This sets the amount of gain for the fully sweepable mid band.

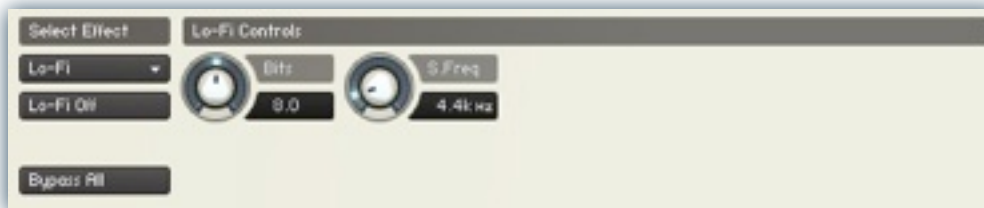
Mid Frequency

This sets the center frequency for the fully sweepable mid band.

High Gain

This sets the amount of gain for the high band.

Lo-Fi



Lo-Fi On/Off

This button enables/disables the "Lo-Fi" bit/sampler rate reduction effect.

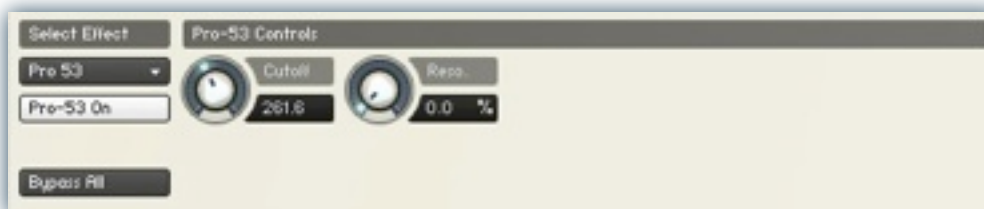
Bits

This knob sets the simulated bit rate of the signal.

Sample Frequency

The S.Freq knob sets the simulated bit rate of the signal.

Pro 53 Filter



Pro53 On/Off

This button enables/disables the resonant filter effect.

Cutoff

Sets the filter's cut-off frequency.

Resonance

Sets the amount of resonance on the filter.

Flanger



Flanger On/Off

This button enables/disables the Flanger effect.

Dry

Sets the amount of dry gain (+/-) that is passed through the effect.

Wet

Sets the amount of wet gain (+/-) that is passed through the effect.

Depth

Sets the sweep depth of the flange.

Speed

Sets the sweep rate.

Phase

Sets the phase.

Color

Sets the brightness/tone color of the flanger effect.

Feedback

Sets the amount of signal feedback introduced into the signal path.

Rotator



Rotator On/Off

This button enables/disables the spinning speaker Rotator effect.

Speed

The rotation speed (slow/fast)

Treble

The amount of high end clarity.

Bass

The overall bass response.

Balance

Balance between low/high response.

Distance

The simulated distance between the microphone and the rotating speaker.

Wet

Sets the amount of wet gain (+/-) that is passed through the effect.

Delay



Delay On/Off

This button enables/disables the classic Delay effect.

Delay Rate

This menu allows you to set the timing division for tempo syncing.

Pan

This knob sets the left-right ping pong panning amount for each alternating echo.

Damping

Sets the amount of high frequency roll-off applied to each echo.

Feedback

Sets the amount of delay feedback introduced into the signal path.

Dry

Sets the amount of dry gain (+/-) that is passed through the effect.

Wet

Sets the amount of wet gain (+/-) that is passed through the effect.

Reverb



Reverb On/Off

This button enables/disables the convolution reverb effect.

Dry

Sets the amount of dry gain (+/-) that is passed through the effect.

Wet

Sets the amount of wet gain (+/-) that is passed through the effect.

Size

Sets the simulated room size of the convolution.

Low Pass

Sets the low frequency cut-off of the impulse response, allowing you to dull and darken the sound.

High Pass

Sets the high frequency cut-off of the impulse response, allowing you to remove rumble and low end.

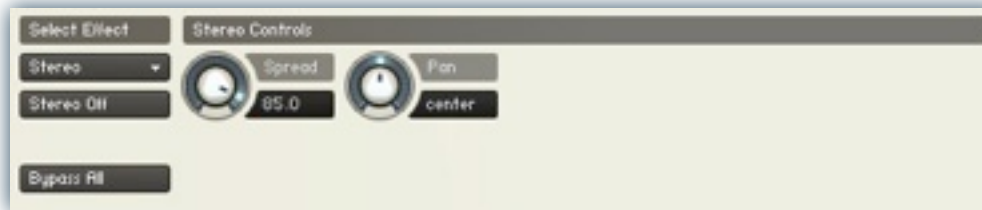
Delay

Sets the amount of pre-delay time before the wet signal is returned

Impulse drop-down menu

This menu allows you to select from a wide variety of custom convolution reverb impulses that we've personally captured or created for you, ranging from our favorite classic halls and cathedrals, to bizarre otherworldly spaces, to self-resonating sonic shapes and

Stereo Imager



Stereo On/Off

This button enables/disables the stereo imaging effect.

Spread

This sets the width of the total stereo image, all the way from mono to ultra-wide.

Pan

This sets the pan position of the stereo image's center.

INSTRUMENT PROGRAMS

SFX Presets:

Agony

This patch features a variety of agonized screams and yells. Mapped from C1 - C4

Bluntforce

This patch features a number of blunt force impact sounds. Mapped from C1 - D2

Brand

This patch features flesh-sizzling, popping, crackling loops. Mapped from C1 - G3

Choke

This patch features a number of terrifying gurgling choke sounds. Mapped from C1 - D#2

Madness

This patch features eerie whispers and breathy samples of insanity. Mapped from C1 - D4

Nightmares

This patch is a compilation of nightmarish, beastly groans and growls. Mapped from C1 - B2

Purgatory

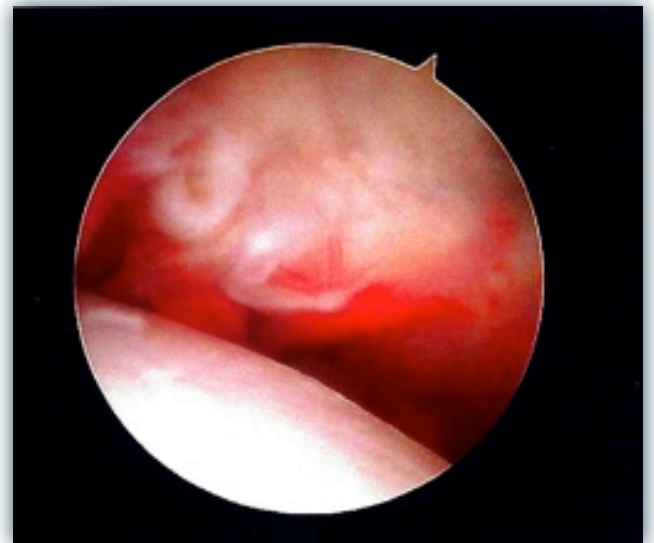
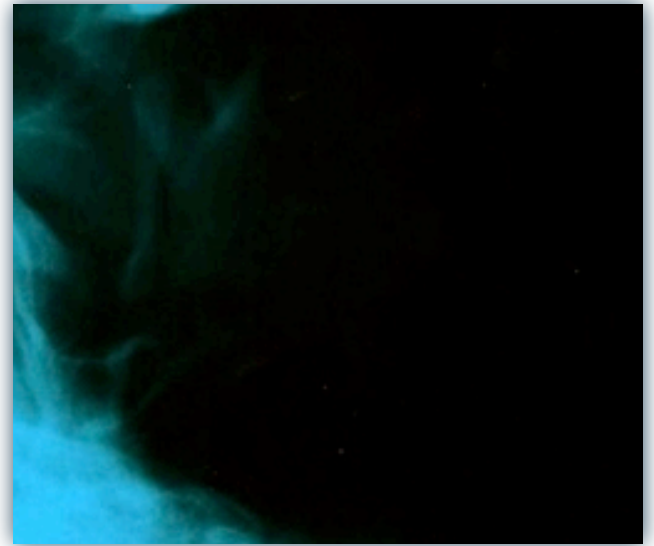
This patch features fleshy, slimy, wet, squeaky samples of horror. Mapped from C1 - C#5

Scream 1 & 2

These patches feature morphable layers of tuned ambience with a preloaded convolution reverb effect with a custom impulse response sample. Mapped from C#0 - G8

Agony, Bluntforce, Brand, Choke, Madness, Nightmares and Purgatory all feature a special patch with speed control attached to the pitch-wheel for real-time sample playback speed adjustment.

You'll notice that all patches in this library include automatable custom front panel performance controls including Attack, Swell, Morph, Release, Offset, Stepping, Key Switch On/Off toggle button. Not all controls are featured in all patches.



Special FX Presets:

Sick Ambient Humanimal

Mapped from C-2 to G8.

Mommy, why do we keep grandma in the basement?

Sick Ambient In Chains

Mapped from C-2 to G8.

Pray that the chains hold.

Sick Ambient Lost

Mapped from C-2 to G8.

Mood music for a mausolium.

Sick Ambient Moanumental

Mapped from C-2 to G8.

How cute, they taught it to sing.

Sick Ambient Nest

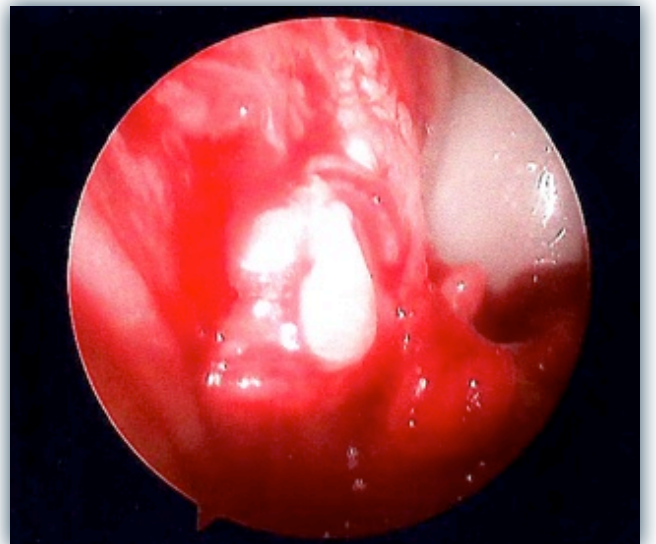
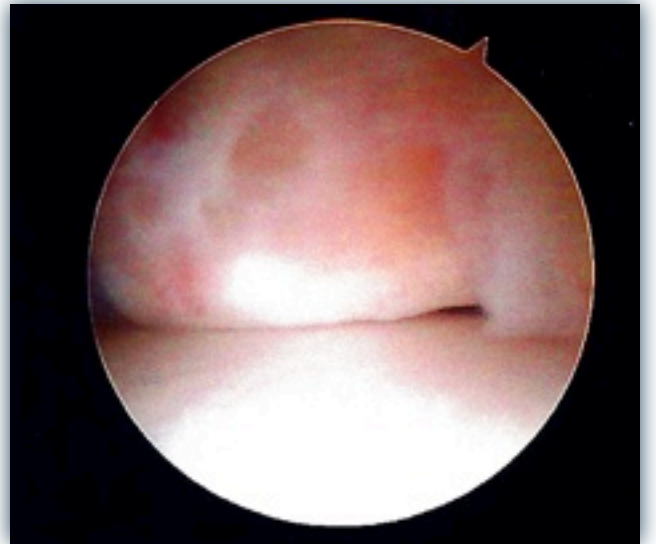
Mapped from C-2 to G8.

Don't worry, you'll feel right at home once they've torn you apart and built their hive with your entrails.

Sick Ambient Terrorvision

Mapped from C-2 to G8.

This is why you don't steal cable.



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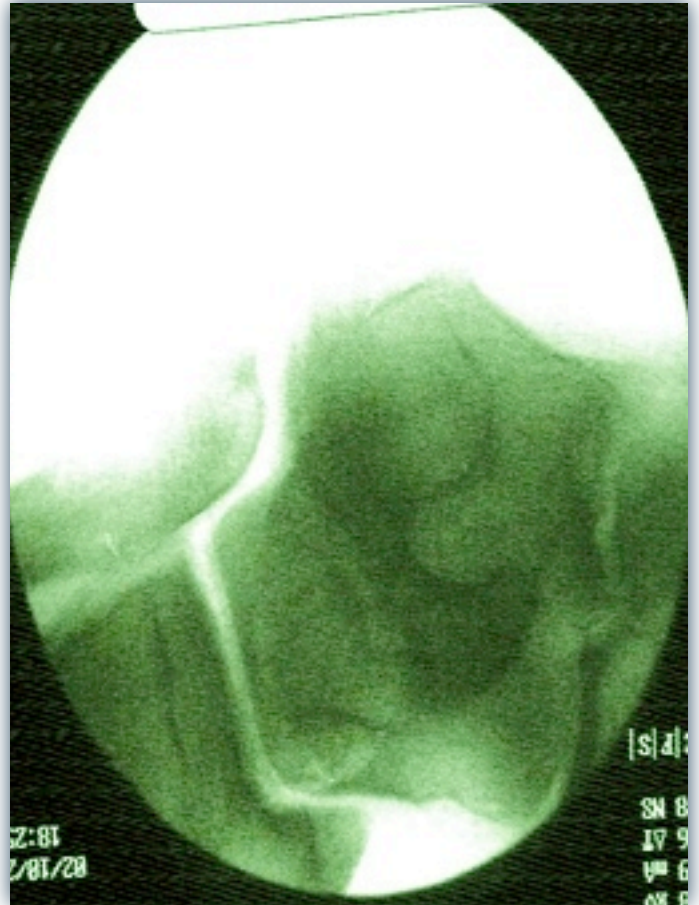
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