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## Manhattan Webcam Caught Entire Alien-Looking Glow From Con Ed Transformer Explosion

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It truly was like something out of numerous alien invasion scenes from science fiction shows and movies over the decades: an eerie blue glow lit up the sky over New York City just two days after Christmas.

A camera in Midtown Manhattan captured the entire event, lasting nearly five minutes, from a distance. The footage sent to me by EarthCam comes via a live-streaming webcam that filmed the entire thing in real time as you can see for yourself.

Note that the glow was almost the exact same color that emanated from the bottoms of the massive alien ships in "Independence Day" moments before they fired on Los Angeles, the White House and the Empire State Building with some sort of laser weapon.

But this time the destruction was limited to a Consolidated Edison electrical substation in Astoria, Queens, where a fire was responsible for the alien glow.

"The lights you have seen throughout the city appear to have been from a transformer explosion at a Con Ed facility in Queens," reported the New York Police Department.

Of course, as plenty of people pointed out on Twitter, that's exactly what the authorities would want us to think in the case of an actual alien invasion in order to prevent a panic. We've seen movies about this, after all.

Con Ed was quick to confirm that a "sustained electrical arc flash" did happen at its Astoria substation.

But if you're still not believing that official story, some of the neighbors also managed to document the blaze: Embedded video

Still, none of this can totally disprove some of the more far-fetched conspiracy theories already circulating involving the use of top secret directed energy weapons or maybe, just maybe... there's aliens on staff at Con Ed engaging in sabotage. Does anyone have Will Smith's number, just in case?