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Ken Russell's ALTERED **STATES** (1980), from a screenplay by Paddy Chayevsky, with William Hurt, Blair Brown, Charles Haid, Bob Balaban, and Thaao Penglis, is a stylistically schizophrenic sci-fi tale of an obsessed scientist (Hurt) experimenting his way down the evolutionary ladder to an apelike savagery capable of a murderous rampage through the city, and a suspenseful menace to his wife (Blair). Like Chekhov's temperamentally opposed Treplev and Trigorin in The Seagull, intuitively imaginative director Russell and relentlessly rational screenwriter Chayevsky collide more than they collaborate on the creative tension in this hung-over '60s material transposed to the '80s. Hurt and Brown, however, are as felicitously compatible as their director and writer are bizarrely ill

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