

THE CREATURE FROM THE PIT

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Theme starts

Sequence

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Part One

Above the pit.

*It is nighttime in the jungle. A group carrying torches
gather around a square hole that has been dug in the
ground and lined with planks, like a well. On one side
is a rope winch.*

*Two of the group hold a man by his arms, and two
women look down into the pit then raise their arms.*

*A man produces an enormous horn, almost as big as
himself, and blows, while the prisoner falls to his
knees and clasps his hands, whimpering.*

*Below ground, something growls. The younger woman
nods, and the prisoner is pushed into the pit.*

In the Tardis.

*K9 is reading from Peter Rabbit by Beatrix Potter,
held up for him by the Doctor, while Romana drags in
a large box of spare parts.*

K9

Peter gave himself for lost and
shed big tears, but his sobs were
overheard by some friendly
sparrows who flew to him in great
excitement and implored him to
exert himself.

ROMANA

Doctor, I've been cleaning out

Sounds Fishy.

That's a good part.

O-wee-o, wee-ooooh
Sacred flame, sacred fire.
Yes you're right, that IS a big hole.

They have gills?

He's got the horn.
It's a good way to start this one.

This is already looking like a big pot of FAIL.
Why is everybody so somber?
Aaaaaaaahhh! I'm sorry I forgot my lines!
Hey! You fixed my bad back!

That's not K9's voice.

She's got ORAC there.

number four hold. You've got the most awful lot of junk in there.

DOCTOR

Shush. Something terribly exciting's about to happen.

ROMANA

Oh, really? What?

DOCTOR

Mister McGregor.

ROMANA

Who?

DOCTOR

Mister McGregor. He's chasing Peter Rabbit. He's got a sieve. He's going to pop it on top of Peter!

ROMANA

Don't worry. He'll wriggle out, lose his jacket and hop into a watering can.

DOCTOR

Atchoo.

K9

Bless you.

DOCTOR

Junk? Did you say junk? I don't carry junk.

ROMANA

What do you call this lot, then?

DOCTOR

That's extremely valuable equipment.

ROMANA

An old ball of string?

DOCTOR

Give that to me. Come on, give it to me.

ROMANA

Either that, or they use a fish tank for storage.

What a premonition!

What is that thing? The Sex Toy of Rassilon?

She's touching his junk.

I thought it was a tribble.

(reads label on bottom)

To the Doctor. A souvenir with love and thanks for all his help with the Minotaur. Theseus and Ariadne.

DOCTOR

Yes. If I hadn't produced that ball of string to find a way out of the labyrinth, they were going to unravel my scarf, the wretches.

ROMANA

All right, but what can you possibly do with the old jawbone of an ass?

DOCTOR

Don't be a philistine.

ROMANA

What?

DOCTOR

That jawbone's been about a bit, you know.

He puts in into his coat inside pocket.

ROMANA

All right, so what's this then?

DOCTOR

Well, that's just a bit of old junk.

K9

A mark three emergency transceiver, mistress.

ROMANA

You mean it's part of the Tardis?

K9

Correct, mistress.

ROMANA

Then why isn't it plugged in, Doctor?

DOCTOR

Because it doesn't work.

Hmm. What other kind of balls do you produce?

Next on Hoarding...

So has Romana.

K9

Incorrect, master. The transceiver is fully operative.

DOCTOR

Yes, but it's an awful nuisance.

ROMANA

You mean you kept getting calls from Gallifrey all the time. Would you do this, would you do that?

DOCTOR

Yes, yes. Such a bore.

ROMANA

That's what it's for.

DOCTOR

What, to bore?

ROMANA

No, to receive and send distress signals.

DOCTOR

I was never in distress.

ROMANA

What?

DOCTOR

Well, not often. I mean, not what you'd call often. Go on, plug it in.

Romana places the hemisphere where it belong. It lights up, makes a metallic tinkling sound, and the Tardis promptly goes sideways, knocking them off their feet and the coat stand falls onto the Doctor.

DOCTOR

Switch it off! Switch it off!

Romana pulls it off the console and the Tardis stabilises.

DOCTOR

That's better. I told you that thing never worked properly.

Well, not until Ian Levine recorded that song.

That's what SHE said.

(lights up) You're lucky you even GET calls from Gallifrey. I cancelled long distance a while ago.

K9

Inaccurate, master. The transceiver has never been used properly before.

DOCTOR

Well, there's a fault in it then, isn't there. That was no distress call. Was it? Was it?

K9

Insufficient data, master, but there is no fault in the equipment.

DOCTOR

Well, I'm delighted to hear it.

K9

But your last statement

DOCTOR

But shush. We've landed. I wonder where we are? Anyone know?

The scanner shows lush vegetation and a geodesic structure close up.

ROMANA

What is it?

DOCTOR

No idea. Let's find out, shall we? Not you, K9. You stay here. By the way, how did you know about Peter Rabbit?

ROMANA

Oh, Peter Rabbit, Squirrel Nutkin, Mrs Tiggywinkle, Jemima Puddleduck

[Outside the Tardis]

DOCTOR

That's odd.

ROMANA

It's so green.

DOCTOR

It's very odd.

(call)...that was my wife!

(all answer No, one at a time)

Cambodia? Let's go for a holiday!
Landed right by a Sontaran spaceship.
Oh look! Plants!

(she removes top) Take the rest off, it's hot out there.

Did she just make a joke about his tinky winky?
La laaaaaaa
Actually I think those are her nicknames for Tom.

ROMANA
What's odd?

DOCTOR
This is.

ROMANA
What is that thing?

The Doctor taps it with a spoon.

DOCTOR
It's an egg.

ROMANA
An egg?

DOCTOR
Yes. Well, part of a shell, anyway.
Can't see the rest of it.

ROMANA
It's huge.

DOCTOR
Yeah.

ROMANA
What kind of bird laid that?

DOCTOR
If it was a bird.

ROMANA
What do you think it was, then?

DOCTOR
Semi-metallic.

ROMANA
Metallic? You mean metal birds
laying metal eggs?

The Doctor touches it and pulls his hand back quickly.

ROMANA
What is it?

DOCTOR
It's alive.

Is that where River Song wrote 'Hello Sweetie'?

That's what SHE said!

In a metal world, ruled by the Metal Men!

He got a bot of a shick!

ROMANA

What?

DOCTOR

The shell.

ROMANA

Oh, don't be ridiculous.

DOCTOR

Listen. Can't you hear?

ROMANA

What is it?

DOCTOR

It's the same noise we heard in the Tardis. There must be a transmitter here.

ROMANA

In an eggshell?

DOCTOR

Well, somewhere, somewhere. It stands to reason.

ROMANA

Stands to reason.

DOCTOR

Yes. Stands to reason. Stupid expression, stands to reason.

Romana walks round the back of the section, which has ivy growing up it, while the Doctor gets out his stethoscope and listens to the shell.

DOCTOR

Why doesn't it lie down to reason?
Much easier to reason lying down.
Relaxes the cerebellum.

He notices a large barrel cactus that might not have been behind them before, then sits on the ground to continue his examination. The cactus rolls forward.

DOCTOR

Yes! It's definitely the shell that's the transmitter. I wonder what it's

And I'm strangely attracted to it.

The Chimes at Midnight!

(Tardis) Moaning?

(as Romana) Doctor, whatever you do, don't push it over—nooo! (Crunch!)

Easier to do a lot of things lying down. Eh? EH?

transmitting, and to whom? Well, I suppose to whatever laid it. Hmm, that's not a very pleasant thought, is it, Doctor.

Now two barrel cacti move forward.

DOCTOR

Curious material. Almost looks as if it. Almost looks as if it were woven.

Now there are four cacti inching forward. The Doctor looks away again and they rush on top of him.

DOCTOR

Ow! That's sharp. Romana. Romana! Romana, would you come here a moment, please? Oh, hello.

A figure is silhouetted against the light. He is holding a large sword-like thing.

DOCTOR

Have you seen my assistant? Romana! Romana! Obviously not. All right, I won't bother you then.

A second figure arrives.

DOCTOR

Can you get these things off me?

A third figure cracks a whip and the cacti roll away.

DOCTOR

Did you get those things off me?

HUNTSMAN

Yes.

DOCTOR

Thank you very much.

HUNTSMAN

Kill him.

DOCTOR

What? And just as we're all getting on so well?

(whom) It's saying Wibbly Wobbly, Timey Wimey.

Dude, let's roll some weed.

Talking to yourself is a sign of... syphilis.

No, too much weed, I'll get arrested!

See, the pigs are here already!

Suddenly out of nowhere, ninjas! Hundreds of them!

Where there's a whip, there's a lot of fun.

How about a reacharound?

HUNTSMAN

Kill him.

DOCTOR

Look, I don't want to stand on protocol or anything like that, but couldn't you at least do the done thing and take me to your leader?

The first swordsman is ready to swing when the older woman from the pit speaks.

KARELA

Wait.

The swordsman manages to miss.

DOCTOR

Wait! Are you in charge here?

KARELA

I am.

DOCTOR

Thank you very much. You saved my life and I am a doctor. What are those things?

KARELA

Wolfweeds.

DOCTOR

Weeds? What, plant weeds?

KARELA

Of course. Specially grown in the Lady Adrasta's nurseries.

DOCTOR

Good lord. If I were you, I'd introduce her to geraniums before it's too late.

KARELA

What are you doing in the Place of Death?

DOCTOR

Oh, just pottering around. I have this insatiable curiosity, you see.

You have a ball sack on your head.

Well, why do you think I'm sweating?

Why do you call it the Place of Death?

KARELA

Because anyone found here is automatically condemned to death.

DOCTOR

Ah. Is that so? You know, I've always been fascinated by place names and I trust you'll make an exception in my case.

KARELA

Your commander says this is yours.

She nods towards the Tardis.

DOCTOR

My commander?

Karela points to Romana, who shrugs.

DOCTOR

Oh, that commander. Hello, commander.

KARELA

What is it?

DOCTOR

It's tricky to explain.

KARELA

What does it do?

DOCTOR

Oh, it travels. We travel in it. Look, I'll show you. You'll like it. Come along, Romana.

KARELA

Secure him. Travels? How? It has no wheels.

The Doctor's head and wrists are put into a portable stock.

KARELA

I hope you're not lying, Doctor.

Oh, he's a bottom all right.

Ho. What DOESN'T it do?!

Drugs, sex, bondage... we DID pick a good one!
Now bring out the soft cushions!

The Lady Adrasta will want to question you.

DOCTOR

There was no need to go to all this trouble. All she had to do was make an appointment.

HUNTSMAN

Madam, the wolfweeds sense danger.

KARELA

We move out. Bring the woman.

Karela steps onto her litter and is carried along, while Romana and the Doctor follow and the Huntsman brings up the rear. Someone is watching.

[Jungle]

DOCTOR

What do you think is going on?

ROMANA

I don't know. At least we're still alive.

DOCTOR

You realise, of course, we're being followed.

ROMANA

What?

HUNTSMAN

No talking!

DOCTOR

Hmm? Nice place you've got here, old chap. Very green.

HUNTSMAN

Silence!

DOCTOR

Yes. Sorry.

Shaggy, dirty, bearded faces watch from the foliage, then with a yell they leap out on the procession with large cudgels. The Doctor knocks a couple of them

Lady Adrasta is really into some kinky stuff.

Those guys with the swords should chop down some weeds along the way.

Everything's Gone Green!

Doctor Who, I presume?

over with his stock, but Romana is captured. The primitives run off.

DOCTOR

Romana? Romana? Where's Romana?

HUNTSMAN

Captured. Shall we go after the girl, madam? The wolfweeds can follow the tracks.

KARELA

And lead us into another ambush? No, Huntsman.

DOCTOR

Who were they?

KARELA

Bandits. These hills are full of them. No traveller's safe. Unless you want to get your throat cut, you'd better keep up with us.

DOCTOR

Well, what about Romana?

KARELA

Oh, pray that they kill her quickly. Come on.

[Bandit camp]

We are in a large wooden framed building with lots of furs for a roof and walls. The table is littered with metal objects - rusty chain, pewter goblets and more. A grey-haired man picks up a small piece and acts like Fagin from Oliver Twist.

TORVIN

Oh, look at that. Pure bronze. Beautiful, beautiful.

He picks up a vase.

TORVIN

Oh, lovely. Exquisite. Such shape, such form, such delightfully high metal content.

Oh you beast! Take me roughly from behind! Yeah, I'd've grabbed her too.

The ninjas are FAIL ninjas.

My throat is protected by a plank of wood, thank you.

Was she sitting in that chair the whole time they fought?

Ah yes, offensive stereotypes. Lovely my dears.

Romana is hustled in.

TORVIN

Got anything promising for us?
What have you brought old
Torvin?

EDU

Her.

TORVIN

Her? What use is she? I mean,
she's not metal, is she?

EDU

She's one of Lady Adrasta's ladies
in waiting. She has to be. Look at
her clothes.

Torvin takes a looted hunter's sword.

TORVIN

What do her clothes matter to me?
Cloth is easy enough to come by.
Any metal on her?

EDU

No.

TORVIN

Oh, kill her, then. We've got
enough mouths to feed.

EDU

Maybe we could ransom her?

TORVIN

Ransom? Use your brains. If she's
one of Adrasta's ladies in waiting,
Adrasta will hunt us down. Kill
her.

EDU

She could be valuable.

TORVIN

Valuable? Oh no, she's not
valuable. Yeah, unless she's got a
metal leg or something. Kill her.

AINU

Girl pretty. Condo like.

So easy, a caveman could do it.

Well, maybe for a day, with that many of you.

I say we don't kill her unless we vote on it.

EDU

He's right. You're not leader.

TORVIN

No, no, dear boy. Well, of course you must vote. So, vote. Yeah, well, I'm all for democracy.

[Entrance hall]

Karela leads the Doctor into an altogether more solid building, with arched windows, tiled floor and woven rugs.

KARELA

Wait there.

The Doctor tries to follow her into the next room, but is barred by guards. He returns to his escort.

DOCTOR

Do you mind? I've got a terrible itch. Itchy nose. No, no, no, no, no. My nose, not your nose. Come on, come over here. Come on. Put your finger up like that. Now, you scratch my nose. Ooo, other side. That is so good. Atchoo!

He lunges forwards and knocks both men out with the wooden stock.

DOCTOR

Sorry about that, fellows.

The Doctor unbars the main door and is about to turn the handle when -

ADRASTA

Doctor!

DOCTOR

Ah.

The younger woman comes out of the room, followed by Karela.

DOCTOR

I say that my name may or may not be Vroomfondel.

Occupy Chloris.

(Come on) Sir, that's not part of our job description.

You know how it is when you get an itch.

ADRASTA

Perhaps I can be of help.

She reaches for his nose with her long, sharp fingernails.

DOCTOR

No, no, no, thank you. There's no itch any more.

ADRASTA

Do let me take that thing off.

She removes the locking pin from the stock.

ADRASTA

I so like my guests to feel comfortable.

DOCTOR

Yes, it was a bit incommodious.

ADRASTA

It doesn't seem to have incommoded you too much, Doctor.

DOCTOR

I suppose you could say the yoke's on him, if you were the sort of person who said that sort of thing, which fortunately I'm not. You must be the Lady Adrasta.

ADRASTA

And you're the fellow who was found in the Place of Death.

DOCTOR

Yes! Do you know, I'll tell you something fascinating about that.

ADRASTA

Anyone found there is put to death.

DOCTOR

Oh, you knew. Well, don't you

Lower... lower...

think you could at least put up a notice?

ADRASTA

Tell me, what did you make of the object? Some of the finest brains on Chloris have devoted years to trying to unravel the problem.

DOCTOR

Do you mean the egg?

ADRASTA

Egg?

DOCTOR

Yes.

ADRASTA

Are you sure?

DOCTOR

Well

ADRASTA

Have you seen anything like it before?

DOCTOR

No, but I'm full of theories about it.

Adrasta leads him into the room she came out of.

[Throne room]

Which contains a large gold throne on a dais.

ADRASTA

What kind of creature laid it?

DOCTOR

Lady Adrasta, I'd like to talk to you about these things, but at the moment I'm much more concerned about Romana.

ADRASTA

Ah yes, Madam Karela told me. Your commander.

Cloris Leachman?

Yes, I've seen eggs before. Even green ones, with ham.

(sing) Karela DeVille, Karella DeVille...

DOCTOR

No, no, she's not my commander.
She's my companion.

ADRASTA

Of course. I couldn't see a man of
your obvious talents in a
subordinate position.

DOCTOR

You couldn't see a man of my
obvious talents in a sub. Oh, no, of
course. You're very kind.

ADRASTA

Yes, aren't I. And I'll send a troop
of guards to find her. See to it.

KARELA

Immediately, my lady.

Karela leaves.

ADRASTA

Don't worry, Doctor. My
wolfweeds will hunt down those
animals that took Romana.

DOCTOR

Hmm, I wonder what they'll do to
her?

ADRASTA

The wolfweeds?

DOCTOR

No, the bandits.

ADRASTA

Kill her quickly, if she's lucky.

DOCTOR

And if she's not?

ADRASTA

Slowly.

[Bandit camp]

*Romana is tied to a wooden pillar with her hands
behind her back.*

Know what I mean? Eh?

She sees a LOT of people in subordinate positions.
It's what she does in her spare time.
I think it's what she does in her NON-spare time.

Handy, keeping that hemorrhoid cushion with her at
all times.

Let's make a list.

Gang bang.

TORVIN

Ready, boys?

The bandits gather at the table and hold their hands over two bowls.

TORVIN

One, two.

They all drop brass strips into one of the two bowls. One bowl only has one strip in it.

TORVIN

Everybody voted? We're all agreed, then. Good, my lovely boys, good. Kill her.

EDU

Now what will killing her achieve?

ROMANA

Go ahead.

TORVIN

What did you say?

ROMANA

I said, go ahead and kill me. Commit suicide. Listen to that hirsute moron.

TORVIN

Here, who are you calling hair suit?

ROMANA

You. Do you want to make something of it?

TORVIN

No, I just want to know what it means.

ROMANA

It means hairy.

EDU

What do you mean, my lady?

ROMANA

Key party... the Ice Storm.

I should have thought that was obvious. Hairy, covered with hair.

EDU

No. What do you mean when you said we were committing suicide.

ROMANA

Well, if this Lady Adrasta, whoever she might be, is going to hunt you down for kidnapping me, what do you think she'll do if she finds out you've killed me?

EDU

She's right.

AINU

What do you mean, whoever Lady Adrasta might be? You're her lady in waiting, aren't you?

ROMANA

No.

AINU

Then who are you, milady?

ROMANA

That's the first intelligent question you've asked. I'm a traveller. I'm a Time Lord. And I am not used to being assaulted by a collection of hairy, grubby little men.

TORVIN

Well, she's no call to get personal.

ROMANA

I don't intend to get used to it, either. Sit down.

TORVIN

Kill her!

ROMANA

Untie me.

Torvin fetches a large stone axe.

TORVIN

Hey, it's the '70s. I bet you're covered in hair too, in some places.

The kids who tease me call me the great flatlands.

I usually like big hairy grubby men.
...named Tom.

Here, don't listen to her. She's only trying to trick you.

Ainu unties Romana.

ROMANA

Sit. Sit.

All the bandits sit on the floor except Torvin, who finally wilts under Romana's imperious glare.

ROMANA

That's better. Now, let's talk this over sensibly.

Romana takes K9's dog whistle from her cleavage.

TORVIN

Here, what's this?

ROMANA

See for yourself.

TORVIN

Here, do you know what this is?

AINU

Yeah, it's a piece of metal.

TORVIN

Yeah, I know what it is, but what is it?

ROMANA

You blow through it.

Torvin hands it to Ainu, who blows through the ring on the end. Then Edu blows across the top of it. Finally Torvin puts it in his mouth and blows it properly.

TORVIN

What is it?

ROMANA

It's a whistle.

TORVIN

A whistle?

ROMANA

Sit, Edu, sit. (Woof!) Good dog.

Sit. Speak. Shake. Now, lick me.

Tell us a story!

This party's just gettin' started!

You know how to blow, don't you? You just – oh, no, I guess you don't.

Go on. Try blowing harder.

TORVIN

Oh.

[Tardis]

K9

Coming, mistress.

pause

Coming!

[Throne room]

The Doctor is examining a pentagonal decoration on the wall behind the throne dais.

ADRASTA

Doctor, you said you had some theories about this eggshell?

DOCTOR

Yes. What is this thing?

ADRASTA

Later, Doctor. About the eggshell.

DOCTOR

Extraordinary texture. How long has it been there?

ADRASTA

We discovered it about fifteen years ago. The shell, Doctor.

DOCTOR

The shell?

ADRASTA

Yes. My huntsman heard you say that the shell was alive.

DOCTOR

Alive and screaming in pain.

ADRASTA

The shell? Then why can no one hear it?

DOCTOR

Because it can only be detected on

Whoa! Getting HOT!

I bet he is!

I might be, too!

very low frequency wavelengths.

ADRASTA

What's the shell screaming about?

DOCTOR

Ah. More to the point, for whom is it screaming? Its mummy? By the pyramids, imagine the size of its mummy.

Adrasta snaps her fingers and two men step out from behind a curtain.

ADRASTA

You heard?

TOLLUND

Yes, my lady.

DOCTOR

Who are these, the undertakers?

ADRASTA

Engineers. Doran and Tollund.

DOCTOR

Ah, how do you do?

TOLLUND

Our task is to discover the function of the object that you mistakenly called an eggshell.

DOCTOR

Why, what would you call it?

TOLLUND

Well, Engineer Doran, in his latest paper on the subject, has proved conclusively that it is part of an ancient building. Perhaps a temple.

DOCTOR

A temple. Ha!

ADRASTA

You're not convinced, Doctor.

DOCTOR

Convinced? Pooh.

Maybe it's actually Yoko Ono, and it thinks it's singing.

Are YOU my mummy?

Or the Airtel.

ADRASTA

You still think it's a shell.

DOCTOR

Well, of course it is, of a sort.

TOLLUND

Well, I myself have calculated that a bird large enough to lay that egg would have to have a wingspan of at least a mile.

DOCTOR

Yes?

TOLLUND

Well, do you know many birds that large?

DOCTOR

No, but it isn't only birds that lay eggs, is it? Fishes do.

TOLLUND

Big fish.

DOCTOR

Oh, very big ones. Or a big reptile.

TOLLUND

Mmm, yes.

DOCTOR

Perhaps a gigantic frog.

DORAN

Really, Doctor. How do you account for the marks of intense heat on the exterior of the shell?

DOCTOR

Er, someone tried to fry the egg?

DORAN

My lady, this man is being facetious.

DOCTOR

He's quite right.

Insert giant cock joke here.

Thank you, Tim Burton.

ADRASTA

Doran, I saw no mention in your paper that the shell was alive.

DORAN

It can't be, my lady. It's impossible. We detected nothing.

ADRASTA

But this man did.

DORAN

He's mistaken.

DOCTOR

Well, to be fair, I did have a couple of gadgets which he probably didn't, like a teaspoon and an open mind.

ADRASTA

You have failed me, Engineer Doran.

A lady in waiting rings a bell. Doran sinks to his knees.

ADRASTA

Take him.

Two guards come to take him away.

DORAN

My lady, I beg you. No, please, no!

DOCTOR

Where are they taking him?

Tollund hides his head in his cowl.

ADRASTA

Come and see.

Tollund dashes behind the curtain.

ADRASTA

Perhaps you will find it instructive.

DOCTOR

Someone should name a fanfic archive after that.

...to the comfy chair!

Yes, perhaps I will, and interesting too, I hope.

ADRASTA

Doctor, you know more about the shell than you're prepared to say. Perhaps a little demonstration will make you more cooperative. Bring him.

DOCTOR

Oh, how nice to meet a well-mannered guard.

[Bandit camp]

ROMANA

I'm afraid I really must be frank with you. As bandits go, you're a pretty duff bunch.

TORVIN

Oh, you hear that, boys? We impressed the lady.

ROMANA

I'm afraid not. Well, I really must be going.

TORVIN

Going? What makes you think that you can get out of here alive?

K9 enters.

ROMANA

My friend.

TORVIN

What's that?

ROMANA

It's a dog.

EDU

It's made of metal.

TORVIN

Metal. Must be worth a fortune.

ROMANA

HE doesn't work for TSA. Am I right, people?

(frank) And I'll be George.

Hello, I Must Be Going!

There's a dog loose in the woods.

I LIKE METAL!

K9, have you located the Doctor yet?

K9

Yes, mistress.

ROMANA

Good. Well, I really must be on my way. I do hope we don't meet again. I can't honestly say it's been a pleasure. Good day.

TORVIN

Leave your dog behind.

ROMANA

Certainly not.

TORVIN

Then you don't leave.

Torvin raises his axe.

ROMANA

K9.

K9 stuns Torvin.

ROMANA

It's all right, he's not dead, only stunned. He'll come to in a minute, with a very sore head. But then I expect you're used to that. K9.

[Above the pit]

DOCTOR

What's this?

ADRASTA

We call it the Pit.

DOCTOR

Ah. You have such a way with words.

Adrasta nods, the horn is sounded.

DORAN

No, no. Please, I beg you, please.

(he falls) That was a convincing sit-down-fall.

(used to that) Yeah you sometimes get a sore head from wanking too much.

Catchy.

Ricolaaaaaaaaaaaa!

DOCTOR

Look, I don't know what you intend to do with Engineer Doran.

ADRASTA

Really?

DOCTOR

Well, I suggest you think again. After all, he may be a bit of an idiot, but at least he's a conscientious idiot, and even bad engineers are hard to come by on this side of the galaxy.

The horn sounds again, and growling comes from below.

DOCTOR

What's that?

Doran is pushed down into the pit.

[The Pit]

Doran lands amongst bones. A green light shines on him from the side.

DORAN

No! No! No! No!

[Above the Pit]

ADRASTA

Now, Doctor, are you prepared to be cooperative?

ROMANA [OC]

Doctor!

DOCTOR

Romana, no!

ROMANA

It's all right. I've got K9.

ADRASTA

Seize her!

ROMANA

K9.

Extra girl is working her face time.

Ricolaaaaaaa!

We call it... the noise.

It's gween. Bawwy wikes it.

You can't eat me, I'm a stuntman!

(K9 theme song)

Hail Caesar!

K9 stuns the guard, who topples into the Pit.

ADRASTA
Attack! Attack!

The huntsman sends in the wolfweeds. K9's laser sets one on fire.

ROMANA
Good boy, K9.

But K9 is quickly buried by the pack.

ROMANA
K9?

ADRASTA
He's dead.

ROMANA
K9. K9.

ADRASTA
You must be Romana. Well, Doctor, now I have you both. Now you're bound to be cooperative.

The Doctor goes over to Romana and taps the side of his nose, before returning to Adrasta.

ADRASTA
Well, Doctor?

The Doctor grabs the rope and lowers himself rapidly into the Pit.

Part Two

[Above the Pit]

ROMANA
Doctor! Doctor!

Romana looks down the 'well' to see the Doctor holding on to some stonework just below the wooden lining. He puts his finger to his lips.

ADRASTA
Fool. Hold her.

(K9 extends nose) Well! K9 obviously likes her as much as I do.

The killer Brussels sprouts again.

Ohhh, smothered by hairy balls. And if THAT'S your thing, the dance...oh, no, the dance was last night.

Or maybe just bound.

Take a flying leap!

Fuck all y'all, I'm out!

Ah, he's at the end of his rope.

In a rude way.

ROMANA

We must save him.

ADRASTA

Impossible.

ROMANA

Someone could climb down to him.

ADRASTA

Into the Pit? To that creature?

[In the well]

ROMANA [OC]

Let me go down to him.

ADRASTA [OC]

You're too valuable.

ROMANA [OC]

Me? Why?

[Above the Pit]

ADRASTA

You were his assistant. You must know what he knew.

ROMANA

About what?

ADRASTA

The huge broken shell in the Place of Death. He knew something about it that none of my Engineers had ever discovered.

ROMANA

What? I don't know anything about it.

ADRASTA

Don't interrupt, dear. It's the only thing that's keeping you alive.

ROMANA

Well, you can't just leave the Doctor to die down there.

(Is that your sword or are you happy to see me?)

There'll be plenty of time for going down on him later.

ADRASTA

If I were you, my dear, I would pray that he was dead already. Then he would at least be spared the stress of being eaten alive.

[In the well]

The Doctor hammers a piton into the stonework.

ADRASTA [OC]

Come away from the Pit, my dear. Believe me, there is no way he is going to climb out.

DOCTOR

Everest In Easy Stages.

He takes the said book from his pocket.

DOCTOR

It's in Tibetan!

The Doctor gets a second book from his pocket. Teach Yourself Tibetan.

DOCTOR

Pi-e pa-ha. Do not be afraid.

Something growls down below.

[Above the Pit]

ROMANA

Please. I beg you, save him.

ADRASTA

It's too late, my dear.

ROMANA

K9.

The wolfweeds have left him covered in a thick cobweb.

ROMANA

K9. Oh, K9, what have they done to you?

K9

Mistress. Mistress.

Always thinking about nailing something.

Dude, where's your Kindle?

The Tardis should translate, right?

Pie jesu domine. Beat Jesus in a pie fight.

They left him covered in a white, sticky substance.

My weebbbbbb!

ROMANA

K9.

K9

Cannot move.

Adrasta taps K9 with her knife.

ADRASTA

It's metal! Bring it. And her. I have a use for her.

[In the well]

With both books propped open, the Doctor is hammering pitons and belays into the stonework. His scarf is tied to the top one. Adrasta looks down.

ADRASTA

Pity you were such a fool, Doctor. I could have used you, too.

She kicks some soil over the edge which lands on the Doctor's face. He jerks, the top belay comes out and he falls to the bottom of the shaft.

[The Pit]

Where he lands amongst a collection of skeletons. He tries to take the pulse of one of them.

DOCTOR

Dead, poor chap. Doran? Doran?
Doran. Doran.

The Doctor crawls off through more intact skeletons, obviously not scavenged by a carnivore. He lights a match and finds Doran, eyes wide open, staring up.

DOCTOR

Doran.

Something growls nearby.

[Throne room]

ROMANA

What is that thing in the pit?

ADRASTA

But at least I'm warm!

I do too.

Wait, there are no lesbian scenes in this, are there?

That was some powerful dirt.

Would you like to buy a vacuum cleaner NOW?

Ow, my teeth and curls!

Doran, I need you to help me get dirt out of my hair.
No, you won't find Duran Duran down there.

We call it the Creature.

ROMANA

Ah, that's original. But what kind of creature is it?

ADRASTA

Hard to say, really.

ROMANA

Why is that?

ADRASTA

Our researchers divide into two categories. The ones who have got close enough to find out something about it.

ROMANA

Yes?

ADRASTA

And the ones who are still alive.

ROMANA

But you must know something about it.

ADRASTA

It kills people. What more is there to know?

ROMANA

Where does it come from? Is it a native of this planet?

ADRASTA

I'm sorry about your friend, my dear, believe me, but you saw for yourself, he hurled himself into the Pit. He wasn't pushed. No one forced him.

ROMANA

Why should he do that?

ADRASTA

Perhaps in order to save you.

ROMANA

Me? But how?

(Ding-dong!)

What's its sign?

ADRASTA

Now he's gone, I have to keep you alive. You're the only one who knows about the shell.

ROMANA

Why are you so interested in that shell?

ADRASTA

There are some questions, my dear, it is better not to ask. You do know about the shell?

ROMANA

I was with the Doctor when he found it.

ADRASTA

Yes, Madam Karela told me, but you still haven't answered my question.

ROMANA

There are some questions it's

Adrasta slaps Romana, hard.

ADRASTA

Now, my dear, I'll ask you just once more. You do know about the shell?

ROMANA

Yes.

ADRASTA

Good. I'm sure we'll get along famously.

K9 is carried in on a stretcher.

ADRASTA

Ah, your curious tin animal.

ROMANA

What are you going to do with him?

ADRASTA

NOW we're getting into the rough stuff!
Do we get jello wrestling, or foxy boxing?
Next... the spanking! The spanking!

On our planet, my dear, metal of whatever sort is valuable. Far too valuable for mere toys. Guards, break up the tin dog. Smash it to pieces.

ROMANA

But you can't break up K9!

ADRASTA

Don't worry, my dear. We'll keep every piece of precious metal.

[The Pit]

The Doctor lights another match and goes exploring the tunnels. The rocks are wet.

DOCTOR

Yuk.

He comes upon the sight of a huge pulsating green vegetable, and carefully backs away as it comes searching for him. The match goes out. He lights another, turns and nearly drops it as he looks into the eyes of another living person. The old man puts his fingers to his lips.

[Throne room]

A guard is using a hammer and chisel on K9.

ROMANA

Please, stop him before he damages the circuitry.

ADRASTA

You'll cooperate to the full?

ROMANA

Yes.

ADRASTA

I want to know what the Doctor found out about the shell.

ROMANA

All right.

ADRASTA

And I want to know about your

Don't hurt Mickey!

Besides, there'll be a Mark 3.

Ewww, biohazard!

Ooo-er! That doesn't fit anywhere!

Morning wood.

(finger) I can count to one!

(6K?)

travelling machine.

ROMANA

The Tardis.

ADRASTA

If that's what it's called.

ROMANA

All right, but if that maniac doesn't stop bashing K9 you won't learn anything.

ADRASTA

Is that a threat?

ROMANA

No, I'm simply telling you that everything you want to know is locked up in K9's memory banks. Damage them and you won't learn a thing.

ADRASTA

Stop it, you fool! So, the little metal animal knows everything. Well, well. That makes both the Doctor and you redundant, doesn't it.

ROMANA

Not really. You see, I'm the only one who can operate K9. Without me, he can't tell you what you want to know.

[The Pit]

The Doctor hands a lit match to his new friend, played by the lovely Geoffrey Bayldon. He'd have made a great Doctor in the William Hartnell style.

ORGANON

This way, quickly, before the monster comes back. Come on, come on.

[Organon's cave]

Pit props hold up the roof. A candle burns in a trepanned skull.

Bat Guano, IF that's your real name.

Because she speaks dog.

ORGANON

Ah, finally. Here we are. Make yourself at home. Well, comfortable, if you can.

DOCTOR

Thank you. Thank you. And thank you for saving me from that creature.

ORGANON

Oh, don't mention it, sir. As my dear mother always used to say. Born under the sign of Patus, middle cusp she was. If you can help anybody, like preventing them from being eaten by a monster, then do so. They might be grateful. So I did.

DOCTOR

Indeed you did, and I am grateful, and your mother was obviously a very fine woman. I'm the Doctor. Who are you?

ORGANON

Organon, sir.

DOCTOR

Organon?

ORGANON

Astrologer extraordinary. Seer to princes and emperors. The future foretold, the past explained, the present apologised for.

DOCTOR

What are you doing down here?

ORGANON

A small matter of a slight error in a prophecy.

DOCTOR

Ah. Well, I guess it could happen to anybody.

ORGANON

Pull up a couch. And, uh, get ready for hot man on man action.

Orgasmatron?

(lifts arms) I am the great Cornholio!

Why, are you in the business yourself, sir?

DOCTOR

What?

ORGANON

Seeing into the future?

DOCTOR

Oh, well.

ORGANON

Crystal ball man, are you? Or do you favour goat entrails?

DOCTOR

No, I tend to use a police box affair.

ORGANON

A police box affair?

DOCTOR

Yes. What about your prophecy? Did it by any chance concern the Lady Adrasta?

ORGANON

Oh, you've met her.

DOCTOR

Yes.

ORGANON

A difficult woman. Very literal mind. I told her that she would have visitors from beyond the stars.

DOCTOR

Ooo, a bit rash, wasn't it?

ORGANON

Well, it seemed a safe enough bet at the time. It's a great attention-getter, you know. I do it very well.

Organon stands and waves his arms about with his eyes shut.

You leave my crystal balls out of this, old man.

The Police Box Affair. 95 cents in paperback. I assume that one has Fabio on the cover.

(mind) But a bobcat in the sack!

Rash? No, we didn't get into water sports.

ORGANON

I see a creature coming to you from beyond the stars. I've done it in all the courts on the planet. It usually goes down very well.

DOCTOR

Yes, I can see it might. But the Lady Adrasta?

ORGANON

Oh, she grew very nasty. What sort of creature, she wanted to know. Well, I stalled a bit. You know, a little professional

DOCTOR

Vagueness.

ORGANON

Discretion.

DOCTOR

Ah.

ORGANON

And she threw me down here, with that thing. Where are you from?

DOCTOR

Me? Oh, from beyond the stars, you know.

ORGANON

Oh, so I was right!

DOCTOR

Yes.

ORGANON

And then Adrasta grew nasty with you and threw you down here as well?

DOCTOR

Me? No, no, no, no, no. I jumped.

ORGANON

Jumped?

DOCTOR

You remind me of Catweazle.

...and why are you sideways?

Yes. Do you think she's frightened of someone coming from beyond the stars?

ORGANON

I should say so. Was she frightened of you?

DOCTOR

No, no, no. I don't think it was me she was expecting. How long have you been down here?

ORGANON

Oh, I've lost count. Many moon flows. I've survived on scraps of food that the serfs throw down. I think they're intended for the Thing.

[Bandit camp]

The bandits help Torvin to his feet.

TORVIN

Leave me alone. Why didn't you kill that girl when you had the chance?

AINU

We didn't get the chance. That tin animal saw to that.

TORVIN

What, you let him walk out of here too? Oh, you realise what this means?

EDU

What?

TORVIN

Well, we'll have to get packed and move now.

EDU

Why?

TORVIN

Why? Use your brains. Because she can direct Adrasta's troopers

(flows) Moon flows? OH! Menstrual cycles.

HE calls it ... the Thing.

You guys LISTEN to Hagrid!

(brains) That's a tall order.

here, that's why. Do you think that Adrasta will give up the chance of getting her hands on our loot? No, there must be nearly two bodyweights of perfect metal there. Bit rusty, bit bent here and there, but metal. No, I'll bet you that at this very moment Lady Adrasta is planning an expedition to wipe us out once and for all, and to lay her hands on my little nest egg.

AINU

Our little nest egg.

TORVIN

Well, of course, of course.

EDU

What we going to do?

TORVIN

Well, Adrasta's guards can't be in two places at once, can they?

EDU

What do you mean.

TORVIN

I mean, if they're ransacking our camp, they can't be looking after her palace at the same time, now can they?

EDU

You mean?

TORVIN

I mean that Adrasta's palace isn't going to be very heavily guarded, so?

EDU

So?

TORVIN

Who owns all the mineral wealth?

EDU

Adrasta.

Is it a good idea to leave your loot lying about?

On your what?

Looking after her palace is a euphemism.

You stay here, and make sure 'e doesn't leave.

She is the one percent.

TORVIN

Exactly. And if it isn't going to be properly guarded because her guards are going to be here looking for us, then

EDU

We ransack the palace?

TORVIN

Yes, that's exactly what we're going to do. Get your weapons, my lovely boys. We're going visiting.

[Organon's cave]

DOCTOR

Well, at least the creature hasn't attacked you yet.

ORGANON

Yes, I've managed to avoid it so far. I've been lucky.

DOCTOR

Yeah, and lucky to have lamps, too.

ORGANON

Yes, they were lying around. It used to be mines, you know, but they've been worked out. Metal is very scarce up there. Very precious.

DOCTOR

Inconvenient commodity to be short of.

ORGANON

Seems to suit the Lady Adrasta well enough, though.

DOCTOR

Really? Why do you say that?

ORGANON

She owns the only mine there is.

Hagrid now sings for the Allman Brothers?

(to do) Ransack her palace?! Sign me UP!!

KY?

Shortages don't usually suit women.

DOCTOR

The only mine?

(a la Finding Nemo) Mine! Mine! Mine! Mine!

ORGANON

Yes. This one. Well, that's the point, don't you see? Although it's been worked dry, all the metal on the planet came out of it and it all belongs to her.

DOCTOR

Ah. A monopoly of metal.

ORGANON

Yes, it's the source of her power.

DOCTOR

So a continued shortage suits her.

ORGANON

She depends on it.

DOCTOR

What? Do you know something? I think that's terribly interesting.

ORGANON

Oh! My horoscope said I'd be useful to somebody today. I thought perhaps it was going to be to that.

(today) ... in bed.

The creature growls nearby.

DOCTOR

How big is it?

That's a rather personal question!

ORGANON

Huge.

DOCTOR

Huge? How huge? Hundred feet?

ORGANON

Perhaps two.

I don't think I can compete.

DOCTOR

Huge. And that noise it makes.

ORGANON

Yes, I sometimes think that it's

singing.

DOCTOR

Singing, crying, growling.

ORGANON

Yes, who's to tell except another creature and there's only one like that, thank heaven.

DOCTOR

Are you sure of that?

ORGANON

Of course I'm sure. There's only that one on this planet.

DOCTOR

Why? You've been everywhere, have you?

ORGANON

Oh, yes. I've travelled. I'm one of the few who has. Most of the country is impenetrable forest or jungle.

DOCTOR

Very pretty, though. Very pretty.

ORGANON

It may be pretty to you, but it's the very devil to live in. No metal means no tools.

DOCTOR

Yes.

ORGANON

No tools.

DOCTOR & ORGANON

No cultivation.

ORGANON

Exactly. We're smothered by forest.

The creature fills the entrance and green light pulses through the cave. It's pseudopod feels the air.

I bet the creature can penetrate it.

Aaaagh! Run for your virginity!
I'm scared!
I'm aroused!

[Throne room]

Romana whispers as she removes the web from K9.

ROMANA
K9? Can you hear me?

K9
Mistress.

ROMANA
Have you got enough power left to
stun the guards?

K9
Affirmative, mistress, if I was
mobile, but I cannot move at
present.

ROMANA
I know.

ADRASTA
Well? We are waiting.

ROMANA
Yes, my lady. One moment.

ADRASTA
Remember, I want to see how that
animal works.

ROMANA
You will, my lady. Just a few
minor adjustments.

KARELA
sotto) I don't like this, my lady. I
don't trust the girl or that tin
animal.

ADRASTA
Neither do I, Karela.

KARELA
sotto) Kill her, my lady. Kill her
now.

ADRASTA
Later. I have a use for her and for
that machine. Romana, we are

Tommy can you hear me!
No he's in the caves.
Wow, you could see right down her...nothing.
There's nothing.

In fact, we are ladies in waiting.

Kill her mommy! (Friday 13th) Ki ki ki ma ma ma

ready for the demonstration.

ROMANA

Yes, my lady. You ready, K9?

K9

Affirmative.

Romana picks up K9 and points him towards Adrasta, Karela and the lady in waiting.

ROMANA

I'd like you to examine this machine. Let me show you how it works. Please, don't be afraid.

Adrasta and Karela move round so that K9 is facing the door and its guard.

ROMANA

Now, K9.

K9 fires one shot at the lintel and his second takes out the guard.

ADRASTA

Stop her! Seize her!

A guard runs in to be stunned too, but two others grab Romana and K9.

ADRASTA

I want her alive. Tin dog, do that again and my guards cut your mistress's throat.

A guard puts K9 in the corner, facing the wall.

ADRASTA

Thank you, my dear. An invaluable demonstration.

[Organon's cave]

The Creature has got Organon and the Doctor backed up against the far wall, as its pseudopod waves around trying to find them. Organon picks up his skull candle holder, holds it under the pseudopod and closes his eyes. The Creature backs away from the heat. The Doctor touches his wrist, making him jump.

Is that dog loaded?

Who's this Caesar?

(alive) I want her alive too.

Bad dog!

Well, that didn't work.

All right, then, which of you stout lads wants it first?
My, isn't he a big boy then!
Just the tip! Just the tip!

ORGANON

Oh! Oh, well, he didn't like that, did he.

DOCTOR

No.

ORGANON

I bet he won't come back here again in a hurry.

DOCTOR

It's gone.

ORGANON

Doctor, what sign were you born under? Aquatrio?

DOCTOR

No.

ORGANON

Capris.

DOCTOR

No.

ORGANON

Oh. Ariel?

DOCTOR

No.

ORGANON

Oh, if only I had my charts here, I could have told you your horoscope. I'm sure this was your lucky day.

DOCTOR

Did you examine that thing's skin?

ORGANON

No, thank you. I was trying to avoid it examining mine.

DOCTOR

It looked almost like a cerebral membrane.

ORGANON

No, would you like someone setting YOUR dick on fire?

Its foreskin?

I think they make them out of latex these days.

What?

DOCTOR

The membrane that protects the brain.

ORGANON

It's a huge brain.

DOCTOR

Yes.

ORGANON

What about the rest of it? The arms, the legs, the body?

DOCTOR

Let's find out, shall we?

ORGANON

You mean, go after it?

DOCTOR

Yes. Why not?

The Doctor leaves with the candle.

ORGANON

I can think of a dozen good reasons. You're mad! He's mad. It's all been too much for him. You wouldn't find me doing a crazy thing like that. Here! Wait for me!

[Tunnel]

DOCTOR

I thought you weren't going to come.

ORGANON

Shush. Where is it?

DOCTOR

Shush. Somewhere up ahead.

They move on a little, then Organon grabs the Doctor's arm.

DOCTOR

What is it?

And other bits.

He just wants to check out its backside.

(mad) I tells ya!
(for him) THAT thing would be too much for ANYONE!
Coo-eee!

Let's just say he got overexcited and couldn't help it.
(Organon voice) Pass me a tissue.
Relax! Don't do it!

(Shh! Why are we whispering?)

I hear it breathing fast.

ORGANON

What am I doing here?

DOCTOR

I don't know. I'll tell you something I'd rather know.

ORGANON

What?

DOCTOR

What's that creature doing here?
Pure brain a hundred foot across
stuck at the bottom of a pit, oozing
about and sitting on people. Not
much of a life, is it.

ORGANON

Who can read such mysteries?
Perhaps it was written in the stars?

DOCTOR

Hmm. Perhaps it was born among
them.

ORGANON

What?

DOCTOR

Shush. Come on.

[Throne room]

*Romana has been tied to Karela's chair and a guard
stands behind her.*

ADRASTA

What do you call this machine in
which you travel?

K9

The Tardis. Time And Relative
Dimensions In Space.

ADRASTA

And you travel through space and
time in it?

K9

Affirmative.

What you talkin' about, Willis?

(mysteries) I quite like Agatha Christie's work
myself. Especially the one with the giant wasp!

Er, uh... Pass!

ADRASTA

Don't you see what this means,
Karela? We can go anywhere, into
any time and bring back anything
we need.

KARELA

Metallic ores. The pure metal
itself.

ADRASTA

The monopoly will remain mine.
Yes, I think this Tardis will be
very useful.

KARELA

Do you know how to operate it?

ADRASTA

She does.

KARELA

Are you sure?

ADRASTA

We'll soon find out.

KARELA

It's a pity the Doctor is no longer
with us.

ADRASTA

Yes. He could have been most
helpful.

KARELA

I suppose he is dead?

ADRASTA

He must be. No one survives the
Pit.

KARELA

He struck me as quite resourceful
for a man.

ADRASTA

True. You think he might still be
alive?

We might even find men without beards!

(mine) Along with the Scrabble AND the Stratego!

He struck you?
Deleted scene.
Ohhh.

KARELA

We can find out. I can get into the Pit from here and with some guards I can see

ADRASTA

Not just guards. We'll take that tin thing as well.

K9

Correction. I am not made of tin.

ADRASTA

It's been listening to us.

KARELA

It's eerie. What do we need it for?

ADRASTA

To kill something.

KARELA

Who do you want to kill, my lady? You don't need a machine to do it. Just mention the name and I'll see to it myself.

ADRASTA

It's too big even for you to kill, Karela. It's huge, very huge, and it's time I was rid of it. The Tardis has made it superfluous.

While the Creature pulses in its lair, the curtain has been pulled aside to reveal a door. A guard unties Romana.

KARELA

Remove the bars. Get the torches. We'll need them in the Pit.

ROMANA

That leads down to the Pit?

ADRASTA

There are two more doors, each barred and bolted so that nothing can get up.

KARELA

Bring the tin animal.

Lady, NOBODY wants to get into YOUR pit.

I hate that cape.

That's the Eileen way!

(very huge) and thick! And painfully satisfying!

Barred and bolted – get out of my house!

K9

Correction, madam. As I have already told you, I am not made of tin.

KARELA

If I say you're made of tin, you horrible little animal, you're made of tin.

K9

I cannot accept the input of incorrect data.

ROMANA

It's all right, K9.

ADRASTA

Guardmaster, you go first, with her.

GUARDMASTER

Right, my lady.

The Guardmaster takes Romana through the doorway.

ADRASTA

You next.

A guard picks up K9 and leaves.

ADRASTA

Then you, Karela. Followed by me.

And two more guards.

[Tunnel]

ORGANON

Not too fast.

[The mines]

Adrasta's party descend a flight of stairs into an open area.

KARELA

Which way now, my lady?

Division by zero error.

Did she just call them Eunuchs?

And the rude boys bring up the rear.
Or TAKE it up the rear. Oo-er.

(That guy looks like the Green Hornet.)

ADRASTA

That way. We're getting close.
Better send some guards on ahead.

KARELA

Guardmaster, take two guards and
scout on ahead.

GUARDMASTER

You and you, come with me.

[Tunnel]

ORGANON

Ahem. What do we do when we
find the monster? Have you
thought of that?

DOCTOR

Shush. I don't know.

ORGANON

You don't know? What do you
mean, you don't know?

DOCTOR

I haven't made up my mind yet.

ORGANON

Well, haven't you got a plan?

DOCTOR

A plan? Oh yes, I've got a plan.

ORGANON

Well then?

DOCTOR

I just don't know how to apply it,
that's all.

[Creature's lair]

ORGANON

Fine time to tell me.

The Guardmaster's scouting party arrive in the green-lit cavern too. He fires his crossbow at the Creature.

ORGANON

Don't.

Send the most chewable guards on ahead.

Bend over and spread your cheeks as FAR APART
AS YOU CAN.

A man. A plan. A Canal. Panama.

See, you never know when the Doctor is gonna come
up behind you.

(It's the man in the iron mask!)

The Doctor hands the candle to Organon and walks forward.

ORGANON

Doctor, come back.

DOCTOR

Hello there.

A pseudopod eight feet tall moves towards the Doctor.

DOCTOR

Steady, steady. You're standing on my scarf.

And engulfs him.

Part Three

[Creature's lair]

ORGANON

Doctor! Don't just stand there, help him! He's trapped!

[Outside the Creature's lair]

But the Guardmaster and his guards scuttle out of the lair with Organon. The creature emits an energy wave and the entrance is blocked by a pentagon design very like the one hanging in Adrasta's throne room.

GUARDMASTER

I've never seen anything like it.

ORGANON

I have. Anyway, the Doctor's behind there and we've got to get him out. It's as hard as rock.

GUARDMASTER

It'll take gunpowder to blast a hole in this. And even then

Inside, we can hear the Guardmaster tapping at the door. The Doctor gets up, strikes a match and goes over to knock a reply.

ORGANON

It's him. He's alive.

Here, take Yorick.

Alas, poor Yorick, your head's on fire.

Stick a toothpick in its eye!
Poke it before it pokes you!

We need a 55 gallon drum of KY, quick!

It's okay, I've been thinking a lot lately about experimenting...
Some days you ride the creature, some days the creature rides you.

(Doctor!) He likes you!

(rock) That's what SHE said!

(match) No, you can't freebase your thumb.

GUARDMASTER

How do you know it's him?

ORGANON

It's, er, part of my profession.
Well, we've got to get through, so
get on with it.

GUARDMASTER

You, go and inform the Lady
Adrasta.

GUARD

Sir.

GUARDMASTER

You, give us a hand to smash a
hole in this.

ORGANON

Maybe if we tried at the edge here.

GUARDMASTER

Right. Come on, down here.

The Doctor wanders around the lair.

[Palace wall]

The bandits have arrived.

AINU

There's only one guard at the side
gate.

TORVIN

Good. What do we do about him?

AINU

Well, Edu's gone to have a chat
with him.

TORVIN

What?

Gurgling sound from around the corner.

AINU

Lovely little talker is Edu. Come
on.

And you, fetch us three large coffees.

Ohh me arse is sore.
He's gonna be limping for days.

Did Murray Gold fall asleep here?

What the fuck was that?

[Tunnel]

The guard meets up with the main party.

KARELA

What is it?

GUARD

Message for my lady from the Guardmaster. The Creature has been found and

ROMANA

I'll take him. It's all right.

Romana takes K9 from a guard.

GUARD

And is within a sort of shell to protect itself.

ROMANA

I've got to check his circuitry. Don't worry, I'll take the responsibility. K9, are you recharged?

K9

Very nearly, mistress.

ROMANA

Be ready.

K9

I always am, mistress.

ADRASTA

You saw this with your own eyes?

GUARD

Yes, my lady. The Guardmaster is awaiting your orders.

KARELA

Guard, the prisoner must not communicate with the tin animal. What were you up to?

ROMANA

I told the guard. Checking K9's

It's a torch, but that's not important right now.

K9 be ALWAYS ready, knowhumsayn?

(animal) But she said it was okay, she'd take the responsibility!
You're fired.

circuitry.

ADRASTA

Good.

KARELA

My lady.

ADRASTA

My dear, bad news I'm afraid
about your friend the Doctor.

ROMANA

He's dead?

ADRASTA

Nobody can tell at the moment.

ROMANA

What do you mean?

ADRASTA

The guard says he's trapped in the
Pit with the Creature.

ROMANA

Well, then we must get him out.

ADRASTA

How? My men can't break through
the shell the creature has woven.

ROMANA

A shell?

ADRASTA

If we are to rescue the Doctor, we
have to break through the shell.
Could K9 do it? Has he enough
power?

ROMANA

K9?

K9

Impossible to say until the
molecular structure of the material
is evaluated.

ADRASTA

I hope, for the Doctor's sake, you

Science!

are strong enough. And strong enough to kill the Creature, too. Come on.

K9

Guard, lift me down.

A guard puts K9 on the ground and he trundles off.

Meanwhile, up in Adrasta's palace, the guard on duty gets a knife in the back and Edu unbolts the door.

[Creature's lair]

The Doctor finds some shiny pieces of rock on the ground.

DOCTOR

Pure cadmium. That didn't come from this mine.

He puts it in his pocket.

DOCTOR

A nugget of iron. Iron ore I could understand, but pure iron? I wonder where it came from?

He pockets that, too. The Creature growls.

DOCTOR

Hello. Friend. Friend. It's all right, it's all right. Look, you can see I'm not armed, eh? I won't hurt you. How could I hurt you? I mean, how? You've got beautiful skin. Extraordinary skin. Green veins. Chlorophyll? I wonder. Well, if it's chlorophyll you need, you've come to the right place. Chlorophyll? I wonder. No, don't get frightened. It's all right, it's all right. Shush. Shush.

The Doctor gets close enough to touch the Creature gently.

DOCTOR

There. There, that's not so bad now, is it. Good girl. Good boy. You're a problem, you know.

And push me too, since I'm lame.
And would it kill you to give me a little dog treat?

Hey, little buddy!

(veins) Purple head.

(Chlorophyll) Chlorophyll? I knew her in college!

Foreplay. Tender, tender touch...

You're aware of me, yet you haven't got any eyes. Haven't got a mouth. At least, not one that I can see. Come to think of it, you haven't even got a head. So how do we communicate, hmm? Telepathy?

The Doctor puts his cheek against the Creature.

DOCTOR

Hello? I am the Doctor. Friend. Friend.

He takes hold of a pseudopod and blows into it like a speaking tube.

DOCTOR

Hello. I am the Doctor. Friend. Friend. Nothing. Not a thing. How are we going to talk to each other, eh? Why can't we talk to each other? How do you communicate with your own kind?

The Creature advances on him, backing him into the rock wall. The Doctor slides down to the ground.

DOCTOR

Steady. Steady, friend. You don't know your own. Easy. Friend. Friend.

The Creature etches a pentagon onto a nearby rock.

DOCTOR

What's that? A picture? I've seen that somewhere before.

[Entrance hall]

Whilst the pentagon in the throne room sparkles and flashes as the guard paces, Edu has got the main door open.

EDU

All clear. Come on.

Torvin pushes AINU ahead. AINU spots a metal pot on a side table. There is a brief wrestling match before a bandit puts it into a large sack.

I bet it's got one eye at the end of its trouser snake.

(head) He does so have a head.

Uh, Doctor, after what happened, I think you're officially MORE than friends.

Make your own jokes, ladies and gentlemen.

Try straddling it.

How sweet, he wants to talk afterwards.

Ohh, what a release.
First money shot of the episode.

NO KILL I.

(stops sparkling) Oh no, the batteries died in my Simon game.

TORVIN

Shush.

[Throne room]

TORVIN

Guard?

GUARD

Who are you? Where have you come from? Stay there. Don't move.

Torvin backs into the entrance hall.

TORVIN

Look, I'm not armed.

GUARD

Are you alone? Intruder! Turn out the guard!

[Entrance hall]

The guard rushes out of the throne room and is felled by AINU's staff. Edu raises his knife to finish the job.

TORVIN

Come on, my lovely boys. Let's see what Lady Adrasta has for us.

[Throne room]

TORVIN

Oh, even the door! The bolts, the hinges, all metal. Quick, my lovely boys, quick, before the guards get back. Bring everything. Oh ho, copper! Ooo, bronze. Iron!

They stuff metal objects into large sacks. Then the pentagon lights up again.

EDU

Hey, what's this?

TORVIN

I don't know. If it's metal, bring it.

EDU

(boys) Is he Fagin?

Kal and Za are moving on up, to the East Side.

Steal the noisiest things in the room, they'll never know we're here.

Latex!

Scringestone!

Where's Sapphire and Steel?

THIS is the game of RASSILON!

Hey, it's warm!

TORVIN

I don't care if it's on fire. If it's metal, bring it.

The pentagon goes dull again.

EDU

It's burning! I've never seen metal like that before.

TORVIN

Ridiculous. Let me try. Here, it's not hot at all.

EDU

Huh?

They both lift it down from the wall.

TORVIN

Oh, it's metal, all right. It's not tin or silver.

AINU [OC]

Guards coming!

TORVIN

What? How many?

AINU

Too many for us.

TORVIN

We'd better get out of here. Quick, let's see where this leads to.

AINU

They're coming!

TORVIN

Quick, quick, all of you. Down here! Maybe it leads to Adrasta's treasure vaults.

The bandits head off towards the mines and the Pit.

[Creature's lair]

DOCTOR

Run away! Run away!

Oh, PLEASE lead me to Adrasta's treasure vault.

So that's what you want. Easy, easy, shush. You do want it, don't you? What's it for? Is it a weapon? What is it? Come on. At least say something. Communicate. Give me a sign. I wish I knew how far I could trust you. Still, you haven't harmed me yet. Much. All right, I'll get it for you, but I want you to promise. That's a stupid thing to say. You can't even speak. How can you promise me anything? All right, be good. Stay here. Ah.

The Doctor picks up mini-pentagons from the floor.

DOCTOR

Bits of shell. Bits of eggshell. No, no, it's all right, it's all right, it's all right. All right, all right. Look, I'm not going to take them. I'm not going to take them. There you are. I can take a hint. I can take a hint, yeah. If we ever do find your mouth, wherever it is, you've got a lot of explaining to do, my friend. All right, all right, I said I can take a hint. I'm off, I'm off, I'm off. Bye-bye, bye-bye, bye-bye.

The Doctor leaves, trailing his scarf behind him, with a piece of eggshell on the end of it.

[Outside the Creature's lair]

ROMANA

Who are you?

ORGANON

Oh, don't bother about that now. My friend's trapped in there.

ROMANA

The Doctor?

ORGANON

Yes. Oh, I beg your pardon. Do you know him?

ROMANA

Yes, very well.

(what is it) IT'S IT! What is it? IT'S IT! What is it?

(trust you) Less trust, more thrust.
You can trust him as far as you can throw him.

That's my porn collection, leave it alone!

(friend) You got some splainin to do!

Clever scarf.

Biblically.

ORGANON

Ah. Nice fellow. Do you know the celestial circumstances of his birth?

ROMANA

The what?

ORGANON

When was he born?

Adrasta and Karela enter.

ROMANA

Oh, about seven hundred and fifty years ago, so he says.

ADRASTA

I thought you were dead. Why haven't you died?

ORGANON

I'm sorry, my lady. It was an oversight.

ADRASTA

Why didn't the Creature kill you?

ORGANON

A favourable conjunction of the stars, my lady.

ADRASTA

Well, we'll just have to see that they don't continue like that for much longer. Guardmaster?

GUARDMASTER

It's hopeless, my lady.

ADRASTA

What is, you fool?

GUARDMASTER

We can't get through. We've tried. My lady, it's hopeless.

ROMANA

The Doctor's behind there. We must at least try.

I got better!

It liked my headband.

ADRASTA

Nothing is hopeless, Guardmaster,
not if you value your commission.

GUARDMASTER

I stand corrected, my lady. Guards,
come on.

ADRASTA

Don't worry, my dear. My men
will try to do their best.

*Karela spots Organon trying to sneak away. A guard
stops him.*

ROMANA

It's made of identical material to
that broken shell we saw when we
landed.

ADRASTA

Try the metal animal on it. Perhaps
he can break through.

ROMANA

K9, do your best.

K9

That is what I am programmed to
do, mistress.

ADRASTA

If you do get through, kill the
Creature. Do you understand,
Romana? Kill it.

ROMANA

I understand.

K9

I am programmed not to kill,
except in self-defence.

ADRASTA

Oh, I think that can be arranged.

ROMANA

You ready, K9?

K9

Re-triple our efforts.

Break on through to the other side!

If the guards will stand well back.

K9 fires a steady beam at the shell, which glows red.

[The mines]

TORVIN

What a haul. What a haul! I'm rich! I'm rich!

AINU

We're rich.

TORVIN

We're rich. Of course. Didn't I tell you, my beautiful boys? Didn't I tell you? Didn't I tell you we'd find it all in Adrasta's palace?

AINU

Yeah, you told us. Now shush. Let's get on.

TORVIN

Now, look at that. Look at that. Do you know what that is? Zinc. I haven't seen a piece of zinc as big as that for oh, twenty years or more. Zinc.

AINU

Oh, come on, Torvin. The guards must be after us by now.

TORVIN

Beautiful, beautiful.

The pentagon starts twinkling again.

EDU

Hey, Torvin, look!

TORVIN

Don't drop it. Whatever you do, don't drop it.

EDU

Look at it.

TORVIN

I've never seen metal like that

Stand back? But we don't want to lose our commission!

What a hole?

I keep looking for Unstoffe...

(what that is) Ma – ho – gany.

Come back, Zinc!

Hasbro presents the electronic Ouija board!
It's tinkling again. Get a mop.

before. It's beautiful.

EDU

Torvin, are you, are you all right?

Torvin is staring into the light of the pentagon.

EDU

I, I feel...

Together, they pick it up and carry it down a tunnel.

[Outside the Creature's lair]

K9

The material is too strong. I am in danger of depleting my power packs.

ROMANA

It's all right, K9.

ADRASTA

Why has the animal stopped?

ROMANA

Because if you want to kill the Creature, K9 must have some power left.

ADRASTA

But so far it's had no effect on the shell whatsoever!

K9

Incorrect. I weaken the shell, but the material is self-renewing.

ADRASTA

What do you mean? What does he mean?

ROMANA

He means that whenever the material is weakened, the atoms recombine, the molecules reconstitute themselves to form an even stronger material.

K9

Correct, mistress.

I feel funny. I think I just wet myself.

My god. It's full of stars.

ADRASTA

So, all that ray has done, in fact, is to temper the original material.

ROMANA

That's about right, yes.

ADRASTA

My dear, your electric dog is infernally stupid. How in heaven's name are we supposed to break through the shell now? Men, redouble your efforts!

ROMANA

No, wait. We're not going to do it like that. We must think.

The Doctor walks through the shell.

DOCTOR

Hello, everybody.

ROMANA

Doctor, are you all right?

DOCTOR

Yes, I'm fine.

ROMANA

I was so worried about you.

DOCTOR

Oh, you shouldn't be worried. Time Lords have ninety lives.

ROMANA

How many have you got through, then?

DOCTOR

About a hundred and thirty.

ADRASTA

How did you do it?

DOCTOR

What?

ADRASTA

Wait, who is Ray?

We've tripled them already, ma'am.

Oh here we go again. I thought it was thirteen. First it's one, then it's thirteen, then it's ninety, then it's five hundred and seven. I think we'll never really know. I hope we'll never really know.

I demand you tell me how you
broke through the shell.

DOCTOR

Ah. I asked the Creature very
nicely. My pleasure, it said.

ADRASTA

Liar! The Creature can't talk
without. (pause) Guardmaster, take
a look!

KARELA

I'll go with him.

ORGANON

Your luck's still holding out.

DOCTOR

It is, rather, isn't it.

ORGANON

You must have been born under a
particularly favourable
conjunction of celestial
circumstances.

DOCTOR

I was.

ORGANON

What sign were you born under?

DOCTOR

Crossed computers.

ORGANON

Crossed what?

DOCTOR

Computers. It's the symbol of the
maternity service on Gallifrey.

ORGANON

Oh.

GUARDMASTER

It's all clear, my lady.

ADRASTA

No sign of the Creature?

I have a hard head. Sometimes.

"Can you hammer a six inch nail through a board
with your penis?"

"Not right now."

Brothel.

GUARDMASTER

None.

ADRASTA

Why did it let you get away? Why didn't it kill you?

DOCTOR

I don't know. Why don't you ask it? Incidentally, how did you know with such certainty that creature couldn't talk, eh? What do you know about it? And why do you want it killed so badly, hmm?

ADRASTA

You ask too many questions, Doctor. Karela, take the girl, the tin animal and some men. You know what to do.

DOCTOR

No, no, please.

ADRASTA

Afraid for the Creature, Doctor?

DOCTOR

No, I'm afraid for them. Have you any idea what that creature can do?

ADRASTA

I know one thing, Doctor. It can't get out of this Pit by itself. Go on, Karela. Hold him, in case he tries to warn his creeping friend. Dog!

K9

Master?

DOCTOR

All right, K9.

[Creature's lair]

While Edu and Torvin continue to carry the pentagon through the mine tunnels.

K9

I bet she does.
Okay, boys, we're gonna do this the Eileen way!

(friend) He knows Eric Hoffman?

Zombie cavemen from the planet Your Anus.

Mistress, blasting has proved too much for my power packs. If I am to conserve my energy, I shall need a rest.

ROMANA

All right, K9. I'll carry you.

[Outside the Creature's lair]

The Doctor and Organon have a quiet discussion.

DOCTOR

Call them back.

ADRASTA

Be silent.

DOCTOR

You could be sending them to their deaths, you know.

[Creature's lair]

They enter the main cavern.

KARELA

Ready, dog?

K9

I am ready.

[Outside the Creature's lair]

ORGANON

I take back what I said about this being your lucky day.

DOCTOR

Why?

ORGANON

I think, on second thoughts, it may be the monster's.

DOCTOR

Thank you.

ORGANON

I wonder what sign it was born under?

(Did Karela just laugh?)

Are YOU? (all turn and point at audience)

DOCTOR

What a pity you didn't bring your charts. You could have worked it out for yourself.

ORGANON

Oh!

DOCTOR

What is it?

ORGANON

Adrasta's evil eye is on me.

DOCTOR

Shush. Lady Adrasta, they've been gone a long time.

ADRASTA

How far away was the Creature when you saw it?

DOCTOR

Oh, a few hundred yards along the passageway there's a big cave. It was in there.

ADRASTA

We should have heard something by now.

DOCTOR

Hmm. Look, why don't I go?

ADRASTA

No! Ah, no. Organon.

ORGANON

My lady?

ADRASTA

You will go.

ORGANON

What, me?

ADRASTA

Yes, you. Go down to the passage, into the cave, and come back and tell us what you see.

She's checkin' you out, buddy!

A huge penis confined by a dark, moist cave. And they say Freud was wrong.

If he's gonna go, who's gonna come?

ORGANON

Oh, why me?

DOCTOR

Maybe it isn't your lucky day.

ORGANON

I don't think that's at all funny.

ADRASTA

If you don't go, my friend, that guard standing behind you will cut your throat from ear to ear.

DOCTOR

Have you ever thought of taking up another line of work? I don't think astrology is your forte.

Organon starts forward just as Karela and Romana return with K9.

ORGANON

Oh, my lady.

ADRASTA

Well?

KARELA

Nothing, my lady. The cave's empty.

ADRASTA

Empty?

KARELA

The Creature's gone.

ADRASTA

How?

Organon sneaks behind them. The Doctor gestures to Romana to do the same.

KARELA

We discovered a passage at the back of the cave.

ADRASTA

Guard, hold her. And make sure

Uh-oh. Back door lovin'!

the dog's pointing against the rock.
Where does the passage lead?

KARELA

I don't know. I sent the guards
down after it.

DOCTOR

You realise what this means,
Adrasta? It means a great green
blob several hundred feet long is
loose somewhere in these
passageways. An angry green
blob. A green blob you tried to
kill.

ADRASTA

Karela, take the girl, the tin animal
and some guards, go down into the
Pit, find the Creature and kill it!

DOCTOR

No, no, no. Adrasta, you're insane.
You have some idea of what that
creature can do. Can you imagine?
At the moment it's reasonably
friendly, but if K9 shoots it.

She's not insane, she's FUN!

ADRASTA

What?

DOCTOR

It'll get very angry.

ADRASTA

Then, Doctor, you had better make
sure that K9 manages to kill it.

DOCTOR

What, a creature that size? He's
only a little dog, you know.

ADRASTA

Don't try to be clever, Doctor. K9
is quite capable of killing the
Tythonian.

DOCTOR

The what?

ADRASTA

The Creature.

DOCTOR

I thought you said Tythonian.

ADRASTA

I meant the Creature.

DOCTOR

You've bitten off more than you can chew, haven't you.

ADRASTA

Doctor, I mean to have that Creature dead. Romana will make K9 kill it.

DOCTOR

No, no, she won't. She won't. She'll refuse, you know. Won't you, Romana?

ROMANA

Yes, I'll refuse.

ADRASTA

Then Karela will kill her. Point the dog against the rock!

DOCTOR

Did you hear that, Romana? Karela's going to kill you, and you with your hair all messed up.

ROMANA

Doctor, I can't do anything about my hair if I'm holding K9.

DOCTOR

Oh, so you are. I didn't notice. Here, let me help you.

The Doctor produces a mirror from somewhere.

DOCTOR

K9? Ready, fire!

K9's reflected beam takes down the Guardmaster, then the guard behind Romana, and another hits the lintel over the passageway. Then she chases after Adrasta.

Many times.

Please don't ask me. I will refuse!

Isn't it always?

Ah, the old mirror trick.

DOCTOR
No, Romana, no!

The Creature comes out of the passageway.

ADRASTA
No! Get away from me! Ah!

The Doctor holds Adrasta.

DOCTOR
Frightening, isn't it?

ADRASTA
Don't let it get me. You mustn't let that thing get me! It'll kill me!

DOCTOR
What? An evil thing, killing. Why should it want to kill you? It didn't want to kill me, did you, old fellow? Do you know something? I believe he wants to kill you.

ADRASTA
Keep it away from me. It's, it's going to eat me.

DOCTOR
Oh, come on. You know it really doesn't eat people, don't you? But you know what it does eat and you haven't been letting it get any, have you. No, you just stuck it in a pit and threw people at it.

ORGANON
She did indeed.

DOCTOR
Yes, I wouldn't be surprised if it wanted to kill you. I wouldn't be surprised at all.

Adrasta gets behind the Doctor with her knife at his throat.

ADRASTA
Now, Doctor, I mean to have that creature dead. Romana, train K9's

It's lookin' f or some foxy ladies!
I think it found some!

Uh, can I volunteer for that job?
You're a rare woman if you don't like that.

ray on it. Now!

DOCTOR

Don't do it, Romana.

ADRASTA

Or the Doctor dies. Six seconds,
Romana.

*Organon starts silently counting down, then Torvin
and Edu carry in the glowing pentagon.*

ADRASTA

Get away from here! Get away! Or
the Doctor dies.

*Now she is distracted and has turned away from him,
the Doctor grabs her wrists and holds them as Torvin
and Edu place the pentagon on the Creature.*

ADRASTA

No! No! No! No! No! No! No!
No!

Part Four

[Outside the Creature's lair]

*Once stuck on the Creature, the pentagon stops
glowing blue and turns green, and Torvin and Edu
return to their senses.*

TORVIN

What's happening? What are we
doing here?

EDU

I don't know. What is this thing?

TORVIN

Adrasta!

*The bandits flee. The Doctor drags Adrasta to a rock
wall.*

DOCTOR

Keep her safe, Romana.

Romana puts K9 down in front of Adrasta.

ROMANA

I start counting.

...in front of this green screen?

If she moves, blast her.

K9

Affirmative, mistress.

The Doctor puts his hand on the boss in the middle of the pentagon.

DOCTOR

Hello.

The Creature, or the Tythonion, who is called Erato, answers in the Doctor's voice.

ERATO

Hello.

DOCTOR

What did you say?

[Throne room]

The guard is recovering from his ordeal by lounging on Adrasta's throne when Karela runs in.

KARELA

Guard! Quickly, summon the Huntsman. Move!

[Outside the Creature's lair]

ROMANA

Are you all right?

DOCTOR

I'm not sure.

ROMANA

What do you mean?

DOCTOR

I don't know.

He puts his hand on the pentagon again.

ERATO

Hello. I realise this must be a very frightening experience for you, but please, don't be alarmed.

ROMANA

Big boy.

Hellloooooooooo. (Wakka-chikka)

It's his night off. He's gone to Boys' Town.

What are you talking about?

DOCTOR

I don't know. That wasn't me talking.

ROMANA

Doctor, what's happening?

DOCTOR

Look, I know this sounds odd. I didn't say that.

ROMANA

You didn't say what?

DOCTOR

What I just said.

ROMANA

I beg your pardon.

DOCTOR

Did you hear what I said just now?

ROMANA

About this being a frightening experience but don't be alarmed?

DOCTOR

Yes. I didn't say that.

ROMANA

You didn't?

DOCTOR

No. I was too busy being frightened and alarmed.

ORGANON

But if you didn't say it, who did?

DOCTOR

Let's find out, shall we?

He puts his hand back on the boss.

ERATO

Please allow me to explain. This is not the Doctor speaking. I am simply using his larynx. We

Who's on first?

Tythonions don't have them.

ROMANA

Ask its name.

ERATO

My name is Erato.

ROMANA

Where does it come from?

ERATO

I am from the planet Tythonus.

ROMANA

Then what are you doing here skulking about in a pit eating people?

DOCTOR

Oh, please! You put that very crudely.

ERATO

To skulk about in pits, as you so crudely put it, is not my normal habit. I most emphatically do not eat people. I live by ingesting chlorophyll and mineral salts. I would have you know that I am the Tythonian High Ambassador.

ORGANON

Really?

ERATO

I am. I was on a trading mission to this planet when I

The Doctor removes his hand from the boss.

DOCTOR

Of course! I should have guessed instantly. It's all the fault of that woman Adrasta.

ADRASTA

Yes, Doctor?

Karela and the Huntsman have arrived with the wolfweeds, who have smothered K9 again.

Ooh. Kinky.

(as Romana) I didn't ask you, I asked HIM to ask you.

(salts) I also own a mansion and a yacht.

Yeah, he's totally high.

I think a lot of the production crew were high.

ADRASTA

You were just saying?

DOCTOR

I was just saying, lady Adrasta, that. K9, I thought you were meant to be guarding her.

K9

Apologies, master. I am immobile.

DOCTOR

Yes.

K9

I was overpowered by the wolfweeds.

ADRASTA

Doctor, order your dog to kill the Tythonian.

DOCTOR

No.

ADRASTA

If you do not, your friend Organon dies.

DOCTOR

Organon? Goodbye, old man. So sorry about this. Thanks for all the help.

ORGANON

Doctor.

DOCTOR

If my deductions are correct, the well-being of two planets is at stake. Erato must not die.

ADRASTA

Huntsman, set the wolfweeds on the Doctor.

DOCTOR

No, wait. That's all you've got on this planet, isn't it? Weeds, weeds, forest and weeds. You scratch

(weeds) See, weed is plentiful.

about for food wherever you can,
but you can't plough the land, can
you? You can't do anything until
you've mastered the forests and the
weeds. And you can't do that
without metal.

ADRASTA

Don't listen to him. It's just the
ravings of a demented space
tramp. Set the wolfweeds on him!

DOCTOR

Do that, and you will hurl this
planet back into the dark ages.
And for what? To satisfy the petty
power cravings of that pathetic
woman.

ADRASTA

Have a care, Doctor.

DOCTOR

Have a care yourself. Care for
your people for a change.

ADRASTA

Kill him!

The Huntsman moves towards the Doctor, then stops.

HUNTSMAN

Let him speak.

ADRASTA

Huntsman, I order you.

HUNTSMAN

Let him speak.

DOCTOR

Now, if my deductions are correct.

ADRASTA

They're not.

DOCTOR

Erato came here fifteen years ago
to propose a trading agreement.
Tythonus is a planet rich in
metallic ores and minerals. Am I

Petit power, is that French for Small Power?

Woof!

not right, K9?

K9

Checking data banks. Affirmative, master.

DOCTOR

That was a good guess.

ADRASTA

Fools! You listen to the opinions of an electric dog?

DOCTOR

The Tythonions exist on ingesting chlorophyll. Large quantities of it, judging by their size. Now, there's a superabundance of planet life on Chloris, so

ROMANA

So Erato came here to offer you metal in return for chlorophyll. Of course!

DOCTOR

Right. But who was the first person he met?

ORGANON

The person who held the monopoly of metal here.

DOCTOR

Right. And did she put the welfare of her struggling people above her own petty power? No. She's tipped the ambassador into a pit and threw astrologers at him.

HUNTSMAN

Is this true, my lady?

ADRASTA

Not a word of it. It's a pack of lies.

DOCTOR

Let's see if Erato agrees with me, shall we?

ADRASTA

(banks) Checking Wikipedia...

Republican.

How many lies typically come in a pack?
Six to twelve.

That won't prove anything! You just take hold of that thing and say exactly what you like. You expect intelligent people to fall for your childish tricks?

DOCTOR

Well, it's very simple. Why don't you come over here, take hold of the communicator and we'll hear the truth from your larynx.

ADRASTA

What? No. Don't talk such rubbish. Huntsman, I order you to kill the Doctor!

HUNTSMAN

My lady, I think we want to hear the truth of this. Go and speak with the Creature.

ADRASTA

No. I refuse. I utterly refuse.

The Huntsman cracks his whip.

HUNTSMAN

I think not, my lady.

The wolfweeds roll towards her, and she backs away towards Erato.

ADRASTA

No! Back! Back!

DOCTOR

Come on, just take hold of the communicator.

The Doctor puts her hand on the boss. Erato uses her larynx.

ERATO

Thank you, Doctor.

Adrasta pulls away, but the Doctor firmly puts her hand back.

ERATO

Your deductions are, of course,

Better than from her coccyx.

Come on, lady, put your hand on his knob so it can use your throat!

Everything's gone so B&D!

Oh, balls.

Yes, just touch it. Just a little bit.

Don't be scared. That's it. Gently. Gently.

correct. We are running dangerously short of chlorophyll on Tythonus, and have more metal than we need. Reports reached us of this planet Chloris which had precisely the opposite problem, and we thought that a trading agreement would be mutually beneficial.

ADRASTA

It's lies, lies! It's all lies!

The wolfweeds drive her back to Erato.

ERATO

No, it is you who are lying. Unfortunately, I ran foul of this evil woman who tricked me into the Pit. If you will forgive me, I have a score to settle.

HUNTSMAN

Yes. So, I think, have we.

One firm crack of the whip, and the wolfweeds engulf Adrasta. She goes down screaming. Erato surges forward and also rolls on top of the squirming pile. Karela and the guards leave. When it is done, only Adrasta is left with web over her.

DOCTOR

She's dead.

HUNTSMAN

Yes. And with her die the dark ages for this planet.

DOCTOR

Erato.

ERATO

I'm sorry for all the unpleasantness, but thank you for the weeds.

DOCTOR

My pleasure.

ERATO

They are the first solid meal I've

Aw. Couldn't you have just released her into my custody?

Help meee! I'm sorta melting but not really! Teabagged to death!

That was some good shit!

had in fifteen years. I wonder if you could arrange to have me hoisted out of the Pit?

DOCTOR

Yes, yes, of course. Huntsman? See to it. It is a bit claustrophobic down here.

HUNTSMAN

Thank you, Doctor.

DOCTOR

Don't say that.

HUNTSMAN

Why not?

DOCTOR

I don't know. Just don't say it. Not yet.

[Throne room]

ORGANON

He was going to let me die!

ROMANA

Of course he wasn't.

K9

All circuits now fully operational. Thank you, mistress.

ORGANON

Adrasta told him that he would have me put to death if he didn't order that dog thing to shoot Erato. And all he said was, goodbye old man, terribly sorry. Didn't he?

K9

Affirmative.

ORGANON

Well! What kind of a friend is that?

ROMANA

A very good one. Thanks to him this planet may now have a chance

I wonder if you could also get me more balls. I loved those. I loved chewing on those big hairy balls.

Look, even the old guy is gumming a big bone. Everyone's getting into the spirit of this episode.

to prosper.

ORGANON

She was going to kill me!

ROMANA

Nonsense. He probably checked out your horoscope earlier.

The Doctor enters.

DOCTOR

I did, I did, and I discovered you're going to die of indigestion.

Organon continues to nibble on a chicken leg.

K9

Reporting, master.

DOCTOR

K9.

K9

I am prepared for all contingencies.

DOCTOR

Good dog. Good dog. Adrasta's engineers should have Erato out of the Pit by now.

ROMANA

All of him?

DOCTOR

Well, yes. Then we should know the truth.

ROMANA

What? You mean he hasn't been telling us the truth?

DOCTOR

Well, only as much as he wants us to know until he's set free.

ROMANA

Well then, do you think it's safe to let him out of the Pit if you think he's been lying to us?

Oh I better not eat anything ever again. Just need to finish licking this bone.

DOCTOR

Why not?

ROMANA

Well, we don't want several hundred cubic feet of angry blob heaving itself round the country crushing people.

DOCTOR

He has no intention of crushing people.

ORGANON

Well, he crushed quite a few down the Pit.

DOCTOR

Nonsense. He just wanted to talk.

ORGANON

Talk?

DOCTOR

Yes, talk, talk. After Adrasta stole his communicator he was just trying any way he could to make contact.

ROMANA

But we don't know anything about him. We don't even know how he got here.

DOCTOR

Yes we do. In an egg.

ROMANA

In an egg?

DOCTOR

In an egg. When the shell's complete it's a blindingly simple space vehicle complete with photon drive.

ROMANA

Well, I didn't see a photon drive.

DOCTOR

Don't talk about Rush Limbaugh like that!

Mork calling Orson. Come in, Orson.

Well, of course he's not going to leave it lying round where just anyone could take it. He protected it very carefully.

ROMANA

How?

Organon puts a large astrological chart on the table.

DOCTOR

It was concealed in the pieces he kept hidden in the Pit.

ROMANA

Doctor!

DOCTOR

Yes?

ROMANA

That shell.

DOCTOR

Yes?

ROMANA

When we first landed, it was making a noise.

DOCTOR

Yes.

ROMANA

Could it have been a distress signal? Perhaps it was calling for help.

DOCTOR

Yes.

ROMANA

But after fifteen years?

K9

Tythonions live for up to forty thousand years, mistress.

ROMANA

So fifteen years in the Pit for one of them would be no more than the

wink of an eye.

DOCTOR

Yes.

ROMANA

Doctor, I'm sure there's some terrible danger.

ORGANON

Danger?

DOCTOR

Yes.

ROMANA

And Erato wants to be out of the Pit and free to escape in his craft before something dreadful happens.

DOCTOR

Yes.

ROMANA

But Doctor, you've played right into his hands. You've let him go.

DOCTOR

Yes.

ROMANA

Can't you say anything but yes the whole time?

DOCTOR

Yes. After he's told us whatever it is.

ROMANA

Yes?

DOCTOR

And before he reaches his space vehicle to escape.

ROMANA

Yes?

DOCTOR

Do remind me to give him back

It would be... (pause)(mumble) ...about 10 days in human terms.

At least he finally reached climax.

his photon drive.

The piece the Doctor dragged from the Pit on the end of his scarf.

DOCTOR

Yes?

ROMANA

Yes.

[Entrance hall]

Looking in through a small quarter circle window.

ROMANA

You mean without that segment, Erato can't leave the planet?

DOCTOR

Exactly. Once he guarantees Chloris' safety, we'll let him have it back and then negotiate a proper trading agreement.

ROMANA

And Chloris gets all the metal it needs.

DOCTOR

Yes.

ROMANA

Oh, Doctor, I'm improving.

Ainu the bandit has been listening carefully while the rest of the bandits gloat over their loot.

TORVIN

Come on, Ainu.

AINU

Shush.

TORVIN

We're all rich once we get this metal out of here. Now come on, hurry.

AINU

Listen, old man. If that monster

That wasn't the last time she said YES to him.

"I do!"

Allow me to introduce Fili, Kili, Oin, Gloin, Dwalin, Balin, Bifur, Bofur, Bombur, Dori, Nori, Ori and John Bryans as Torvin.

does bring us lots of metal, how much is this lot going to be worth?

TORVIN

Well, if it's metal, it's valuable. Now come on.

AINU

No, only because there's so little of it. Now look. In there, the Doctor, whoever he is, has got a piece of the monster's spacecraft. The monster can't leave Chloris without it. Now if we take that as well, we're made.

TORVIN

The guards are coming. Now, don't risk it all by being greedy for one more piece. Now, come on. This way.

The bandits sneak past Karela, who is badly hidden behind a large urn on a table.

[Throne room]

The Huntsman enters carrying a large scroll.

DOCTOR

Well?

HUNTSMAN

The Creature's been removed from the Pit.

DOCTOR

Where is it?

HUNTSMAN

It's waiting at the side door if you're ready to speak to it again.

DOCTOR

Yes, I'm ready to speak to it. I just hope I'm ready to hear what it has to say to me.

HUNTSMAN

Here are the astronomical readings you asked for, Organon.

(look) I have a cunning plan.

ORGANON

Oh, thank you, thank you.

DOCTOR

Organon? Take this and guard it with your life. I don't want to take it anywhere near Erato until I want to give it to him. All right?

HUNTSMAN

This way, Doctor.

[Entrance hall]

Erato's communicator is protruding through the doorway.

DOCTOR

Romana, take the communicator. Right, Erato. Let's hear what you've got to tell us.

[Throne room]

ORGANON

Strange perturbations are in the sky. Oh, I wish I knew how to interpret them. Oh. Now that's very odd.

[Entrance hall]

DOCTOR

Well?

ERATO

What I have to tell you is no more pleasant for me than it will be for you, but it has passed beyond my

DOCTOR

Oh do get on with it.

ERATO

I'm afraid you have only twenty four hours to live.

ROMANA

What!

There's really only one way to interpret strange perturbations.

Yes, I gave you all a deadly venereal disease earlier.

DOCTOR

Shush. Romana, the communicator.

ERATO

I came as an ambassador to buy chlorophyll, but Adrasta imprisoned me. However, she failed to prevent the other half of my ship from communicating that fact to my brothers on Tythonus. They will have taken that as an act of aggression and responded accordingly.

DOCTOR

Yes, but now I've set you free, you can contact them all and call it off, yes?

ERATO

No, Doctor. I'm afraid it's impossible.

HUNTSMAN

What's he talking about?

ERATO

Once the stars are set in their courses

DOCTOR

Oh please, no more astrological mumbo-jumbo.

ERATO

I assure you, I mean my words quite literally. The star I refer to is a neutron star.

DOCTOR

A neutron star.

HUNTSMAN

A neutron star?

K9

Neutron star. Collapsed star composed of super-compressed degenerate matter.

(all, one by one) A neutron star?

Thank you, K dot nine.

DOCTOR

I know what a neutron star is.

ERATO

And the course on which it is set
will plunge it into the heart of
Chloris' sun within twenty four
hours.

HUNTSMAN

Is that bad, Doctor?

DOCTOR

Bad? Chloris' sun will explode and
your whole solar system will be
destroyed. Is that bad?

[Throne room]

ORGANON

Strange things are in the stars. Ah,
now there's something I recognise.
Oh dear. I don't like the look of
that at all. Something terrible is
going to happen!

Organon gets hit over the head.

[Entrance hall]

HUNTSMAN

But there must be something. Can't
we contact Tythonus?

ERATO

The neutron star has been on its
way for several years. Like most
stars, it has no guidance system.
There is no way of stopping it.

HUNTSMAN

But surely?

DOCTOR

Shush.

ERATO

If you will excuse me, I will leave
now. I have no wish to witness this
distressing finale.

Neutron dance!

(stars) Like you!

About time.

Like MOST stars? Which ones HAVE guidance systems?!

DOCTOR

Ahem. But your machine is in pieces.

ERATO

No matter. It won't take long to spin up a new ship round the vital components.

DOCTOR

How long?

ERATO

I feel this is immaterial to

DOCTOR

How long!

ERATO

Twenty six ninods.

DOCTOR

One hour, seven seconds. And you spin out this vessel from the threads in your own body like you did in the Pit?

ERATO

The principle is the same.

DOCTOR

And can you produce aluminium?

ERATO

Of course.

[Jungle]

TORVIN

Come on, my boys. Come on, my rich boys. We're nearly at the camp now.

Karela follows at a discreet distance.

[Entrance]

K9 is producing a large amount of tickertape.

ERATO

This idea is madness, Doctor.

I can do both British Aluminium AND American Aluminum.

That's Chloris's Wall Street.

IT'S!

They're three feet ahead of her and she's lost them. Bette Davis in Whatever Happened to Baby Karela?

DOCTOR

Erato, a thin shell of aluminium wrapped around a neutron star will minimise its gravitational pull and we can yank it back out of the sun's field.

ERATO

And how do you propose to do this yanking, Doctor?

DOCTOR

Well, the Tardis. We can exert short bursts of enormous gravitational pull on the star, slow it up while you weave your eggshell round it, and then let go.

ROMANA

And the thing will go spinning off harmlessly into deep space

DOCTOR

Right.

ERATO

Let me remind you, Doctor, that I came here to offer help to the planet of Chloris. They imprisoned me in a pit and starved me for fifteen years. I am disinclined to commit suicide on their behalf.

DOCTOR

Erato, you came here for your own good and offered the deal to the wrong person. Will you now condemn an entire planet of innocent people to death?

ERATO

You may be right, Doctor.

DOCTOR

I know I'm right. Well?

ERATO

I will help you.

DOCTOR

You're joking, right?

Adding mass decreases gravity. You learn something stupid every day.

I may be crazy. Or you just may be the lunatic I'm looking for.

Good. Now this is what I

ERATO

A moment please, Doctor. What would you have done if I had decided to abandon you?

DOCTOR

Oh well, it's a hypothetical question, my dear old thing.

ERATO

What do you mean?

DOCTOR

Well, I took the precaution of removing your photon drive. Be a good girl, Romana.

[Throne room]

ROMANA

Organon? Doctor.

[Bandit camp]

TORVIN

Here we are, my boys. Wealth beyond our wildest dreams. The purest, the most beautiful metal.

AINU

Yeah, I still say we should have picked up that shell.

TORVIN

Old brass plate, the shell. This is what we want. Metal, metal, metal. It'll make me the most, us the most powerful people on Chloris.

EDU

What if Ainu's right? What if that creature brings tons of metal to the planet? I say we go back and get that piece of shell.

TORVIN

Oh, buckets of iron at the end of the rainbow, planets full of tin. You believe in all that

We would have missed you SO much!

(He's died from indigestion.)
I still dream of Organon.

(metal) Metal, metal, metal, metal, metal, badger, badger, badger, badger...

gobbledygook if you wish. I'll put my trust in this solid metal.

KARELA

There's another six inches to add to your collection, old man.

Karela pulls her knife from Torvin's back, and he falls to his knees.

TORVIN

Tempered steel. Is that really tempered steel?

He falls to the floor.

AINU

He's dead.

KARELA

Kill me and you condemn yourselves to poverty. Without that piece of shell, all this metal is just worthless scrap. I have that piece of shell hidden. I think that gives us an interesting basis for conversation, doesn't it?

EDU

If it's hidden, what's to stop us killing you and letting it stay hidden?

KARELA

If it stays hidden. But is that a chance you want to take? Particularly since the alternative I'm offering you is the certainty of wealth and power if you join with me in seizing hold of it. The monopoly will stay in our hands, and with it then control of the whole planet. Well?

DOCTOR

I'm so sorry to butt in and at such a delicate moment, but if you're seriously thinking of taking over Chloris I think there's something you should know. In a very few hours, all that'll be left of it will be

Ah, it's been a while since he's had six inches in him.

Thank you, Karela.

Moisturizer would help.

(hold of it) Oh, PLEASE seize hold of it.

a few trillion tons of deep-fried rubble. Now, does that influence your thinking?

KARELA

What are you talking about, Doctor? You two, kill him.

DOCTOR

Wait! I'm talking about a shell fragment. If Erato doesn't get his ship launched within the hour, Chloris' sun will explode. How does that appeal? Still want to be scrap iron merchants?

KARELA

You're bluffing, Doctor.

DOCTOR

Really? Look.

The Huntsman takes Karela's knife.

HUNTSMAN

Tell us where the fragment is.

KARELA

No.

HUNTSMAN

Tell us.

KARELA

It's no use threatening to kill me. I shan't tell you while I'm alive, and I certainly won't tell you when I'm dead. I don't believe your stupid story for a moment.

HUNTSMAN

And if it's true, you're condemning us all to death.

KARELA

That's a chance I'm prepared to take.

DOCTOR

For what? For this heap of scrap iron?

Aw, can't we ALL kill him?

Is it just me, or did this story really end almost a whole episode ago? Why is it still happening?

(fey) Tell us!

KARELA

Yes.

DOCTOR

Are you willing to sacrifice your life and the lives of everyone on this planet for wealth?

KARELA

Yes.

DOCTOR

I thought you'd say that. K9!

K9

Yes, master?

DOCTOR

Destroy it.

K9 starts blasting the metal pieces.

KARELA

No, no, no! You're destroying our metal!

Only a pile of ash remains.

DOCTOR

K9?

K9

Yes, master?

DOCTOR

Good dog.

K9

Thank you, master.

DOCTOR

Now, would you like to tell me where that fragment is hidden?

[Tardis]

It is K9's turn to be connected to the communicator, which is leaning against the console room wall.

DOCTOR

(he shoves the pile) TOMMY'S GONE CRAZY!
RUN!

You rock, K9! Now go probe up Romana's skirt.

Erato, can you hear me?

ERATO

I can hear you, Doctor. Preparing for takeoff.

On the scanner, a spacecraft shaped like a dirigible lifts off.

DOCTOR

Have we picked up the neutron star yet?

ROMANA

Yes, Doctor. On band six.

DOCTOR

Good.

ROMANA

Doctor, I've been calculating our chances of success.

DOCTOR

I don't want to hear them.

ROMANA

Very wise.

DOCTOR

Dematerialise now.

The Tardis materialises in space ahead of the neutron star, which promptly slows down. Erato's ship approaches.

DOCTOR

This is going to be very nasty.

ROMANA

I know.

DOCTOR

You in position, Erato?

ERATO

I am ready, Doctor.

DOCTOR

Gravity tractor beam, activate!

Erato's ship is a giant butt plug?
(Da Silva) The giant butt plug lifts off from Chloris.

(Han Solo) Never tell me the odds!

Romana leaves the brake on too.

Hence, the rubber sheets and the Shop-Vac.

...Missionary.

The whole Tardis goes blurry.

ROMANA

Doctor!

DOCTOR

Deactivate tractor beam.

ROMANA

We can't hold it for more than five seconds at a time.

ERATO

Doctor.

DOCTOR

Yes, Erato?

ERATO

You must hold the star. I'm being dragged towards it.

DOCTOR

Hold tight, everybody.

He switches the tractor beam on again.

DOCTOR

That's got it. Erato, get weaving!
We're winning, Romana, we're winning.

ROMANA

We're placing a terrible strain on the Tardis.

DOCTOR

How much longer, Erato?

ERATO

You can turn off your gravity beam in five of your seconds.

DOCTOR

Good.

ERATO

Four, three, two, one.

Bang! goes the console.

I'm trippin' balls!

How long is that in Rels?

Hey, you can hold it as long as you want, baby.

Oh, blast, here we go again.

What's the matter now?

Well, now his probe circuit's jammed.

Well, that's easy, just waggle his tail.

They stole that from the Tholians!

Oy with the weaving!

(weaving shot) That was this episode's most expensive effects shot.

Five of YOUR seconds, but eight of mine. It's so confusing, I know, I'm sorry.

Gang of Four! Fun Boy Three! U2! Umm...pass!

ROMANA

Doctor, what happened?

DOCTOR

The control circuit. I can't turn off the beam!

ROMANA

What?

DOCTOR

We're pulling the star towards us.

Another bang, and they get thrown sideways.

ROMANA

We've got to dematerialise!

The Doctor gropes for the control, and the Tardis dematerialises just as the neutron star reaches that point in space.

DOCTOR

Erato, we did it!

ERATO

I still {} it was impossible.

ROMANA

So do I, though I did calculate our chances of success at seventy four million three hundred and eighty four thousand three hundred and thirty eight to one against.

DOCTOR

What? Seventy four million three hundred and eighty four thousand three hundred and thirty eight? Well, that's extraordinary.

ROMANA

Why?

DOCTOR

Well, that's my lucky number.

[Throne room]

Organon's head has been bandaged. He is gazing into a crystal ball.

Yeah, Viagra does that.

When a star loves a Tardis very very much...

Bye bye light bulb! Bye bye butt plug!

...and falling!

ORGANON

I see something tall, something dark.

The Tardis materialises by the door. The Huntsman walks in.

HUNTSMAN

How in Chloris did that get here?

ORGANON

I don't know, but it's tall and dark and

DOCTOR

Handsome! Yes, yes, I know, Organon.

ORGANON

Doctor!

DOCTOR

Are you in charge here now?

HUNTSMAN

Yes.

DOCTOR

Good, good. Well, we've just dropped in to say goodbye and to give you this. It's from Erato.

The Doctor hands over a large scroll. The Huntsman unrolls it, and Organon sneaks a look over his shoulder.

HUNTSMAN

It's a draft contract for a trading agreement.

The Doctor and Romana sneak back into the Tardis.

HUNTSMAN

Do you know what this is?

ORGANON

Yes.

HUNTSMAN

What?

That would be Cary Grant.

From Huntsman to Prime Minister just like that.

Dear Chloris, Fuck You. Kisses, Erato.

ORGANON

It's a draft contract for a trading agreement.

HUNTSMAN

How on Chloris did you know that?

ORGANON

It was written in the stars.

The Tardis dematerialises.

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(He finally got around to wiping that Erato jizz off his mustache.)

(Strong Bad) IT'S OVER!
What a piece of shit.

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