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OPENING TITLES BEGIN

STARFIELD ZOOMING

STUFF FLYING AT YA

COLIN'S FACE FLYING AT YA

VERY RAINBOWY

DOCTOR WHO, SLIGHTLY CURVED

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PART ONE

*THE DOCTOR IS STUDYING A STAR CHART
AND MUTTERING.*

PERI

Lost?

DOCTOR

I am never, ever lost.

PERI SCOFFS.

PERI

Huh. Wish I could have that on tape.

DOCTOR

I was contemplating taking you to the
constellation of Andromeda.

PERI

Why?

DOCTOR

Is Peter Capaldi in this one?

Taste the rainbow.
It's Rainbow Brite!
Would you buy a used car from that man?

This episode still sucks

Who?
Sylvester's brother?
I doubt it.

Can never find a decent restaurant in this part
of the galaxy...
(on Peri) Why is she wearing trousers?
Wrong side.

TAPE? Cancel this show already!

You can always judge a Doctor by his coat.

I haven't been there recently, that's why.

PERI

Well, what about me? Don't I ever get a say in our destination?

THE DOCTOR STARES AT HER, A BIT DUMBFOUNDED.

DOCTOR

Where would the First Lady suggest?

PERI

Well, I don't mind ...

HE BRUSHES HER ASIDE.

DOCTOR

Hah.

PERI

What I mean, Doctor, is I don't mind where we go so long as when we get there, we spend some time and relax.

HE STARES AT HER AGAIN.

DOCTOR

You want a holiday! Why didn't you say so before? I know the very place.

PERI

Doctor, if you're about to suggest the Eye of Orion, don't. I've heard all about that elusive place once too often. No one lives there, and few visit, apart from you.

DOCTOR

But such a beautiful moonset. An ideal tonic for the weary time traveler. But, if that doesn't appeal, as I've said, there's always Andromeda.

PERI

Oh, really. And what's out there?

DOCTOR

Some of the most magical sights in the

Don't go there, they'll eat your face!

In a word... no!

And we don't care.

Girls.

I I I I I wanted to go to Disneyland.

No, I'm an American, I want a vacation.

Go to Midnight, I hear it's very relaxing.

Just like Euro Disney.

(traveler) So's Vodka!

Pylons.

entire universe. Astral starbursts
creating a myriad celestial bodies
against a timeless, royal blue backdrop.

PERI

Very poetic. But that's the exact
description you always give of the Eye
of Orion.

HE LOOKS CAUGHT.

DOCTOR

It is?

PERI

Word for word.

DOCTOR

Does nothing ...

HE TURNS THE STAR CHART AROUND.

DOCTOR

Please you?

PERI

Yes. Purposeful travel. Not aimless
wanderings.

DOCTOR

Aimless? A? You see our time together
as aimless?

PERI

No, not exactly. I guess not.

DOCTOR

I should hope not. Or perhaps you're
trying to tell me you've had enough. In
that case I can easily set the coordinates
for Earth, 1985.

PERI

No! No, that won't be necessary.

*WE SEE A PLANET WITH AN INTERESTING
STEPPED STRUCTURE.*

*INSIDE, A WOMAN IS RUNNING, FOLLOWED
BY TWO MEN. THEY STOP TO CATCH THEIR*

Mmmm. Starburst.

I didn't think you ever *listened*.

Line!

Did he take that star chart off Adric's wall?

(travel) Sensible shoes.

Did he say Amy-less?

No, but it is anyway.

Noo! Not the time of David Lee Roth!

I see rocks and gray stuff and sand.
Pyramids of Whatever Planet This Is!
Meanwhile, at Moonbase Alpha...

BREATH.

ARAM

We'll have to split up. If just one of us can get out of the Citadel and make it as far as the rebel encampment –

TYHEER

Fat chance, there's got to be another way to defeat the Borad from within the Citadel.

ARAM

You please yourself, Tyheer, but I'm getting out. Gazak?

GAZAK

I'm with you. If we stay here and are caught, they'll throw us in the Timelash.

ARAM

Shh!

THEY HIDE AND PRESS THEMSELVES AGAINST A WALL AS GUARDOLIERS RUN BY.

SHE CHECKS FOR ALL CLEAR.

ARAM

Let's go. Good luck!

TYHEER CAUTIOUSLY HEADS AWAY FROM THEM.

BACK IN THE TARDIS, A GAY TUNNEL IS SHOWN ON THE SCANNER.

DOCTOR

That is a Kontron Tunnel. Put more colloquially, it's a time corridor in space.

PERI TURNS TO THE DOCTOR.

PERI

Didn't the Daleks have one of those?

DOCTOR

It doesn't matter whose tunnel it is.

(anywhere) Is his arm broken?
I think he's having a heart attack.

Nice 80s jumpsuits.
They're Bucks Fizz.
Rick would say it's A Flock of Stevegulls.

Are they seriously that oblivious?
They must have a big mosquito problem on this planet.

I'm so indecisive.

Taste more rainbow.
My brain hurts!

(Tunnel) THAT is a BBC Micro.
Doc, your Atari's broken.

We're heading straight for it and there's nothing we can do about it.

PERI

So? You've always said the TARDIS is indestructible.

DOCTOR

Well, that's beside the point! Colliding with a time corridor is something one tries to avoid.

PERI

Well, what will it do to us?

DOCTOR

You can never tell with a time tunnel.

HE ROUNDS THE CONSOLE.

DOCTOR

Ah!

PERI

Are you in pain?

DOCTOR

Found out where the corridor is going. You're in luck. It's Earth. It's the period you call 1179 AD.

PERI

Oh. I've never been to twelfth century Earth!

DOCTOR

As I seem to keep saying, that's beside the point! Once inside a time tunnel, the TARDIS may undergo an adverse Kontron effect.

PERI

Is that bad?

DOCTOR

Bad? BAD?

*PERI PUTS HER HANDS OVER HER EARS.
THE DOCTOR GOES AROUND THE
CONSOLE. SHE CAUTIOUSLY REMOVES HER*

Turn left!

We call it the time *hallway*.

Can't call it a Time Tunnel, that's a registered trade mark of Irwin Allen Productions.

(murmur) You have no idea.

Make up your mind, is it a tunnel, or a corridor? Or a hallway?
The Time Chunnel.
The Time Accessway.
The Time Path of Egress.

HANDS FROM HER EARS.

DOCTOR

BAD! You don't seem to realize the effect that time particles colliding within a multi-dimensional implosion field can have.

PERI

Hardly.

DOCTOR

Well, the short answer is POW!

BACK IN THE CITADEL, GAZAK HAS SPLIT AWAY FROM THE OTHERS, BUT FINDS HIMSELF SURROUNDED BY GUARDOLIERS.

THEY GRAB HIM.

GUARDOLIER

Right. Loop him up.

GAZAK

No! Aagh! Aghhh!

SHE HEARS GAZAK'S CRIES AND STOPS RUNNING.

AN ANDROID APPROACHES HER.

SHE TURNS AND SPOTS THE ANDROID, WITH ITS ARM RAISED TO FIRE A WEAPON. SHE IS SHOT IN THE STOMACH AND FALLS TO THE FLOOR.

ARAM

Unnggh!

THE ANDROID APPROACHES HER PRONE BODY.

NEARBY, A GUARDOLIER PUSHES GAZAK ALONG THE CORRIDOR.

JUST BEHIND HIM, ANOTHER GUARDOLIER HAS CAPTURED TYHEER.

INSIDE THE BORAD'S CHAMBER.

...wait for it...

As Tegan would say, zap!

Oooh beekeepers!

It's a Smurf on steroids!

Ronco presents the amazing new Rapid Appendix Removal Laser Surgery Android! (quieter) Only good for one use.

Biddy biddy biddy, got her, Buck!

(cck) These *were* the droids we were looking for. (cck)

THE ANDROID CARRIES THE WOMAN IN AND DUMPS HER TO THE FLOOR. IT STEPS OVER HER AND LEAVES THE ROOM.

A CHAIR NEARBY TURNS TO FACE THE WOMAN.

SHE REGAINS CONSCIOUSNESS AND LOOKS UP TO SEE WHAT IS IN THE CHAIR.

BORAD

So. You nearly got away.

ARAM

What are you?

BORAD

The Borad. Your master.

ARAM

You can't be.

BORAD

And you have betrayed me.

HIS HAND OPERATES A CONTROL ON THE CHAIR ARM, AND A BEAM CATCHES HER. SHE SCREAMS.

INSIDE A BRIGHTER, CLEANER ROOM, A HAUGHTY LOOKING WOMAN STRIDES BY AS TWO MEN TALK.

BRUNNER

Apparently, the rebels attacked a storage chamber last night.

KENDRON

Why? Surely they know they can't win.

BRUNNER

As surely as they know the punishment that awaits their failure.

THEY BOTH GLANCE AT THE TIMELASH.

A YOUNGER MAN STRIDES INTO THE ROOM, QUICKLY GOING UP TO THE HAUGHTY WOMAN.

Love the incidental music.

Oh, no, that's my cat walking across the synthesizer keyboard.

Well, honestly, I'm kind of borad too, is this episode almost over?
We're ALL pretty borad here.

Is it just the people in the citadel who wear the same clothes, or everyone on the planet?
I think maybe this IS everyone on the planet.
Oh, typical Doctor Who. An entire planet...of a dozen people in one building.
Yup.

They DO know. But don't call me Shirley.

MYKROS

They're bringing up Gazak and Tyheer.

VENA

Tyheer? But Tyheer is a councilor.
Mykros, what is going on?

MYKROS

I don't know.

HE LEADS HER A FEW STEPS AWAY.

MYKROS

Things can't be allowed to continue like this. We are tearing the fabric of our society apart.

VENA

The Borad has promised all of us a better place in which to live. We must trust him.

MYKROS

When we're losing our own friends? What sort of a leader never appears in public, only on a screen?

VENA

You know that is a security measure.

MYKROS

Don't be so naïve. We never see him because he doesn't care. The only thing that interests the Borad are these endless time experiments.

VENA

He is experimenting for the good of us all. He's a fine leader.

MYKROS

Not only is our planet divided, we are under imminent threat of invasion from our former allies, the Bandrils. Is that good leadership? Why aren't we preparing to defend ourselves? Why are we having a war at all?

SHE PUTS OUT A HAND TO STOP HIM. AN ANDROID ENTERS THE ROOM, FOLLOWED

She's wearing an outfit recycled from Traken.

Your former allies take Benadryl? What?

No I think he said the Bangles.

BY TEKKER.

TEKKER

Maylin Renis!

HE APPLAUDS, NEARLY THE ONLY ONE WHO DOES SO. RENIS HEADS TOWARD HIS SEAT AND THE OTHERS GATHER ROUND. RENIS MOTIONS THEM ALL TO SIT, AND THEY DO.

TEKKER WHISPERS SOMETHING IN RENIS'S EAR.

RENIS

Have the prisoners brought forward.

A GUARD BRINGS IN TYHEER. UNSEEN, GAZAK IS ALSO BROUGHT IN BY ANOTHER GUARD.

TYHEER

Renis, please, I'm not guilty. I led you to the conspirators.

GAZAK

You traitor!

TYHEER

I'm not a traitor, I'm one of you!

RENIS

Be quiet. For organizing rebellious acts against our honoured ruler, the Borad, the people of Karfel condemn Gazak and Tyheer to the Timelash.

GAZAK

No!

TYHEER

But I helped you! You can't execute me. Maylin, listen to me, please!

RENIS

Silence him!

THE GUARD PULLS TYHEER TO HIS FEET.

RENIS

(Clap)

They are playing musical chairs ALL wrong.

Grumble grumble, we don't get speaking parts.

Hook me up to the mind probe, not the Timelash!

The whiniest guy is always first to die.

The Timelash will banish you. The Borad has spared your miserable life.

MYKROS

quietly, to Vena)

I think I prefer death.

VENA

What do you mean?

MYKROS

Who knows where that time corridor ends?

GAZAK

Let me say my last words, Maylin, please.

RENIS GLANCES OVER AT A VIDEO SURVEILLANCE CAMERA, THEN AGREES.

RENIS

Let him speak.

GAZAK

I'm no rebel. I love this planet. My crime is merely a concern for our world, our people, our loss of freedom and the growing danger of an inter-planetary war.

TEKKER

Nonsense. The boy is a self-confessed rebel. Banish him.

GAZAK

No, Maylin. You can't do this. Please!

RENIS

Quiet, quiet. Sentence will be carried out.

TEKKER RISES AND WALKS PAST TYHEER.

TYHEER

Please, you must believe me.

TEKKER GIVES HIM A QUICK CHOP, STILLING TYHEER'S GRABBING HANDS, GRABBING ALL THEY CAN.

I thought he meant he prefers death over *watching* Timelash. I think I might, too.

(I'm no rebel) I'm not even in high school yet!

Freeeeeeedooooooooommm!!!

Help! Help! I'm being repressed!
(chop)

Ooooh, did you see that? See the violence inherent in the system?

TEKKER GOES TO THE TIMELASH CONTROL PANEL AND PRESSES TWO SQUARES. THE PANEL LIGHTS UP BUT IT LOOKS LIKE JUST FOUR LIGHTS IN CLOCKWISE ON-OFF SEQUENCE.

THE TIMELASH ITSELF LIGHTS UP, AND THE ROOM LIGHTING GOES DARKER.

TYHEER LOOKS A BIT CONCERNED.

A GUARDOLIER REMOVES THE COLLAR FROM GAZAK, TURNING HIM OVER TO AN ANDROID AS THE COUNCILORS WATCH.

THE ANDROID WALKS GAZAK OVER TO THE TRIANGULAR OPENING OF THE TIMELASH. AT THE TOP OF THE RAMP, GAZAK FALTERS, AND THE ANDROID GIVES HIM A SHOVE AT THE LOWER BACK. GAZAK FALLS INTO THE TIMELASH WITH A MILD SCREAM.

THE COUNCILORS – SOME OF THEM ANYWAY – CLOSE THEIR EYES.

THE ANDROID HEADS TOWARD TYHEER, AND RENIS SIGNALS TO PROCEED.

TYHEER

Spare me the Timelash and I'll help you fight the rebels, Maylin, please!

RENIS

Too late, Tyheer.

TYHEER

No. You're making a big mistake. No! I won't go!

HE TURNS TO STRUGGLE WITH THE ANDROID, WHICH CLEARLY HAS SUPERIOR STRENGTH. THE ANDROID MOVES HIM BACKWARDS UP THE RAMP, GRIPPING HIS NECK. IT THROWS HIM INTO THE OPENING; HE TURNS TO WATCH WHERE HE'S GOING BEFORE HE FADES AWAY.

TEKKER OPERATES THE CONTROLS TO TURN OFF THE TIMELASH.

You're goin' into the tacky pyramid thing!

He's going to Tinseltown.

"Won't YOU take ME to... Tinseltown!"

(Deadpan) Wow. I didn't expect that to happen.

Hell no, we won't go! Hell no, we won't go!

THE TIMELASH GOES DARK.

AN OLD MAN – THE BORAD, ALTHOUGH HIS VOICE IS DIFFERENT FROM THE BORAD WE HEARD EARLIER – APPEARS AS A HOLO-TRANSMISSION ON THE WALL. THE COUNCIL RISE AND BOW.

BORAD

Let this be a further lesson. I will not tolerate any attempt to interfere with my plans. Furthermore, may I remind you that I'm working for the benefit of all Karfelons. That is all.

MYKROS WHISPERS TO VENA.

MYKROS

If you believe that, you'll believe anything.

BACK IN THE TARDIS, THE DOCTOR IS WORKING ON A MESS OF WIRING FROM INSIDE A ROUNDEL, JUST INSIDE THE INNER DOOR. PERI IS WATCHING THE CONSOLE DISPLAY.

PERI

Doctor?

DOCTOR

Hmm?

PERI

That curve on the screen you told me to keep an eye on?

DOCTOR

Hmmm?

PERI

It's now a straight. Is that bad?

DOCTOR

Bad? No. It's disastrous.

BACK IN THE KARFEL COUNCIL ROOM.

RENIS

It's Richard Branson!
All hail the mighty floating head!

Oh, one more thing. Vena, you've got red in your hair.

I've got a bridge to sell you.

Swirly Alert!

No, it's called a LINE.

Oh, well, as long as it's not BAD. Uh--HEY!

That is all.

AN ANDROID STEPS UP.

ANDROID

Maylin...

RENIS

I haven't forgotten.

VENA

Father, is that what you now call a fair trial?

RENIS

That is not your concern.

VENA

To the contrary, I think that it is.

RENIS

Enough.

MYKROS HAS MOVED OVER NEAR THEM.

RENIS ADDRESSES HIM.

RENIS

I hope you're taking great care of my only daughter.

MYKROS

Of course. As my future wife, I could hardly do anything else.

RENIS

Then cure her of her stubbornness. She has a foolish commitment to a way of life that is passed.

MYKROS

I hope that she will soon believe as I do.

RENIS

I'm pleased to hear it. Young noblewomen seem to have so much free will nowadays.

VENA

Father.

Oh, if ONLY.

It even talks like a Smurf.

What does *that* have to do with it?

Next thing you know, they'll want to vote. This conversation seems to be *loaded* with hidden meaning. Oh, did you notice?

MYKROS

Speaking of noblewomen, Vena tells me that Tola is recovering.

RENIS

My wife is as well as can be expected, after such major surgery.

HE BEGINS TO TAKE HIS LEAVE.

MYKROS

Is there anything that I can do?

RENIS

No, Mykros, but I appreciate your concern. Now, if you'll excuse me, I have some urgent business to attend to.

MYKROS

Of course.

BACK IN THE TARDIS.

(MY TRANSCRIPT ENDS HERE)

THE DOCTOR IS DISAPPEARING INSIDE THE TANGLE OF WIRES.

DOCTOR

How's that line?

PERI

It's starting to break up.

DOCTOR

Is it still on the screen?

PERI

Just about.

DOCTOR

If any part of it leaves the screen, let me know immediately.

LOCATION - POWER VAULT

MYKROS WATCHES MAYLIN RENIS OPEN A DOOR WITH HIS TRIANGULAR PENDANT AND GO INSIDE. MYKROS DODGES IN JUST

(salute) Major Surgery.

Just keep my daughter repressed, 'kay?

As liney as lines can get.

Oh I love Qix!

Meanwhile, I'll keep chewing these wires...

AS THE DOORS CLOSE.

RENIS

What are you doing in here? You know it's forbidden.

MYKROS

Yes, I'm sorry, Maylin, but I'm afraid my curiosity got the better of me.

RENIS

You do of course realise the penalty if you are caught in here.

MYKROS

Oh, I'm past caring. I want some answers.

RENIS

No one is monitoring us in here. The delta configuration rays would harm delicate instrumentation when I switch power through to the Borad's personal vault.

MYKROS

It's a strange feeling, not being monitored. Wait a minute. Wait a minutes. What would happen if you refuse to make that power switch?

RENIS

Are you mad?

MYKROS

You'd cripple him, surely.

RENIS

You're talking of mass suicide. If we tampered with his power supply, he'd wipe us out within seconds.

MYKROS

Let him try. Look, I know we'd sustain losses, but we'd win through in the end. We must!

RENIS

Do you think I haven't thought of all this already?

Your access control system sucks.

Uh... haven't *you* caught him there?

And maybe a spanking.

(monitored) Finally I can pick my nose!

Maybe, but don't call me Shirley.

Yeah sacrifice a few. It won't be a war, it'll just be a police action.

MYKROS

Then why haven't you acted? Look, I'd help you. Many would. You wouldn't be alone.

RENIS

It wouldn't work. Not yet.

MYKROS

You're afraid, aren't you. Afraid of some power-crazed old man. That's all he is.

RENIS

You don't know what you're talking about. I am in command.

MYKROS

You're only a figurehead. If you had any real authority, you wouldn't allow loyal citizens to be cast into the Timelash.

RENIS

They were rebels.

MYKROS

They were no more rebels than you or I. Why can't you see what's happening? Karfel is being driven to total destruction and you will not lift a finger to stop it.

RENIS

All I know is that I must continue my role as Maylin. My function is to switch power to the Borad. Either you stay and promise not to interfere, or leave now and let me get on with my duty.

MYKROS

Just what does your duty entail?

RENIS

There are two amulets.

MYKROS

That's a mirror!

(acted) Why haven't ANY of you acted? I think it's because Paul Darrow is like an acting vampire, he drains everyone around him of their acting ability and it manifests in him as severe *overacting*.

Oh.

Makes sense.

Yeah.

No, floating head guy is.

(you or I) I think he just admitted to being a rebel.

"He's a rebel and he'll never ever be any good."

Heheheh. He said duty.

RENIS

Yes.

MYKROS

I thought the Borad had banned all mirrors.

RENIS

Only this one remains. The two amulets must be places simultaneously to open the power panels.

A SCREEN RISES TO REVEAL BRIGHT FLASHING TUBES.

MYKROS

What happens next?

RENIS

We make the necessary power switches according to these instructions.

RENIS OPENS THE SEALED LETTER.

MYKROS

What's wrong?

RENIS

He wants me to divert all subsidiary energy supplies to his vault.

MYKROS

Everything?

RENIS

All except power for the Timelash.

MYKROS

He's mad!

RENIS

I've no other choice but to obey.

MYKROS

What about those in the hospital? Good heavens, man, your own wife is there on a life support system. You can't! It's murder!

THIS is the game of Rassilon!
That's wasn't SIMM ultaneous. Or even SI multaneous.

Ooh, Electric Light Orchestra.

Wow, that's a pretty taxing job.

Can't they farm that out to China?

Why can't the Borad do this himself anyway?

Yeah, from his superchair...

Dear Renis. It isn't working out. I threw all your crap on the front lawn. Signed, Mrs Renis.

And the Timelash is important to keep running, why? You only use it when you want to reduce your population.

Maybe it has no battery backup.

RENIS

Rebelling is useless. We both know that. Perhaps my wife will be strong enough to survive on her own.

MYKROS

I'm going to destroy this madman.

RENIS

All right, I won't stop you.

LOCATION - BORAD'S VAULT

RENIS

But don't involve me or my daughter.

MYKROS

I suggest you think about your own wife.

THE BORAD STROKES HIS FLIPPER WITH A HAND. THIS IS NOT A NORMAL, SYMMETRICAL LIFEFORM.

RENIS

If you think of yourself.

LOCATION - POWER VAULT

RENIS

Dead, you're of no use to anyone. Alive, you might just succeed.

RENIS FINISHES THE POWER TRANSFER AND REMOVES THE AMULETS.

RENIS

Good luck.

LOCATION - OUTSIDE THE POWER VAULT

RENIS HANDS ONE AMULET TO THE ANDROID.

RENIS

Android. It's all right, he was just assisting me.

ANDROID

Mykros. Return immediately to the

(useless) I thought it was *resistance* that was useless.

Heheheh. Not being monitored, my ass.

Fish jerky?

...in dying.

Inner Sanctum for an emergency meeting.

RENIS

But shouldn't I have been informed?

ANDROID

Maylin. You are requested to attend the Borad.

LOCATION - TARDIS

THE DOCTOR RUMMAGES IN A SMALL TRUNK AND FINDS SOME SAFETY STRAPS.

DOCTOR

Belt up.

PERI

Where did you get these?

DOCTOR

Does it matter?

PERI

Well, we've never had to use belts before.

DOCTOR

We've never had to negotiate a Kontron tunnel before.

THE DOCTOR HAS ALREADY HOOKED HIMSELF TO THE TARDIS CONSOLE. THE SPACE INSIDE THE TARDIS DISTORTS, AND SO DO THEIR VOICES.

PERI

Doctor!

DOCTOR

Peri, it's started.

PERI GETS HERSELF ATTACHED TO THE CONSOLE.

LOCATION - BORAD'S VAULT

BORAD

Maylin Renis, how nice of you to

Emergency? Emergency. There's an emergency going on.

You just were.

Whoa. Fifty Shades of Timelash.

Belts R Us. It's in the Belt District. Right next to Belt Hut.

Whips and chains next!

accept my invitation.

RENIS

The pleasure and honour is mine,
Borad.

BORAD

I was pleased to see that you dealt
firmly with the rebels.

RENIS

Thank you.

BORAD

Personally, I would have preferred to
see them dangling at the end of a rope.

RENIS

Did I do wrong?

BORAD

Well, perhaps you should have
consulted me first.

RENIS

I'm sorry I misunderstood your wishes.
I simply went ahead on my own
authority.

BORAD

You have no authority. You act entirely
under my explicit instructions.

RENIS

But I am the Maylin!

BORAD

From this moment, you are nothing.

RENIS

I don't understand.

BORAD

You think me a fool?

RENIS

But, Borad.

*THE BORAD PUSHES A BUTTON ON HIS
CHAIR.*

That's THE borad to you.

(do finger snap) You go, Borad!

RENIS

All right, I won't stop you, but don't involve me or my daughter.

BORAD

Have you heard enough? You must be wondering how I learnt of your treason. A microphone fitted into the black scented amulet. When inserted into the power panel, it's shielded from delta configuration rays.

RENIS TRIES TO LEAVE, BUT THE ANDROID RAISES ITS ARMS AND THE BORAD WHEELS HIS CHAIR INTO HIS PATH. THE BORAD'S VOICE CHANGES AND RENIS LOOKS HORRIFIED.

BORAD

You look pale, Maylin.

RENIS

You are

BORAD

Repulsive? Perhaps, but I have a hundred times your intellect, the strength of twenty Guardoliers, and a life spanning a dozen centuries.

RENIS

What, what's happening? Where's the Borad?

BORAD

Imbecile. I am the Borad and I do not tolerate disloyalty.

THE BORAD ZAPS RENIS WITH THE RED RAY. HE AGES TO A SKELETON AND FALLS TO THE FLOOR.

BORAD

Time for another election. Inform Tekker that I have elected him to be the next Maylin.

THE ANDROID PICKS UP RENIS' AMULET.

(amulet) Black Scented Amulet? The hell?

This is Venice? They have gondoliers?

I am Borad, please to now enjoy Cultural Learnings of Karfel for Make Benefit Glorious Nation of Kazakhstan.

Would a skull really make that kind of sound?

ANDROID

Yes, Borad.

LOCATION - TARDIS

DOCTOR

Hang on, Peri, we're seconds from impact.

LOCATION - INNER SANCTUM

BRUNNER

Fellow council members, may I introduce you to our new Maylin, Maylin Tekker.

TEKKER ENTERS WEARING THE BLACK CLOAK AND AMULET.

VENA

Where's my father?

TEKKER

Oh, please be seated, my dear Vena. Accept the condolences of the entire council of the Inner Sanctum. It appears your father has suffered a fatal seizure.

VENA

No! Why wasn't I told before about this?

TEKKER

My dear Vena, the news grows worse.

THE ANDROID HAS MYKROS IN A NECK HOLD.

MYKROS

Tekker!

VENA

This is madness! What's happening?

TEKKER

It's called treason. And he is the traitor.

VENA

No!

Is this a new ride at the Doctor Who Experience?

His turn to wear the cape of office!

He's lying around here somewhere.

Your father accidentally brutally stabbed himself in the stomach while shaving.

TEKKER

Prepare the Timelash.

VENA

No. No.

BRUNNER ACTIVATES THE TIMELASH.

MYKROS

Vena, be brave. It's up to you now. The Borad must be stopped. His strength is in the amulet. The amulet.

THE ANDROID PUSHES MYKROS TOWARDS THE TIMELASH. TEKKER COMES UP BEHIND VENA AND PUTS HIS HANDS ON HER ARMS.

TEKKER

My dear Vena, do not distress yourself unduly.

VENA

What has he done?

TEKKER

Conspired with your father to bring about the downfall of the Borad. Get rid of the rebel.

VENA RIPS THE AMULET FROM TEKKER'S NECK AND RUNS TO THE TIMELASH.

TEKKER

Stop her!

VENA

It must go! Let him go!

TEKKER

Get the amulet!

THE ANDROID RELEASES MYKROS AND TURNS, KNOCKING VENA INTO THE TIMELASH.

MYKROS

Vena! Vena!

Oh, now that he's Maylin, he's too good to operate the Timelash himself.

Timelash. Brought to you by DeBeers.

My amulet! My beautiful amulet!

LOCATION - TARDIS

SUDDENLY, EVERYTHING IS STILL.

DOCTOR

It worked. We're still in one piece.

PERI

I feel as though I've been put through a blender.

*AS THEY UNHOOK THEIR SAFETY BELTS,
THE IMAGE OF VENA HOLDING THE
AMULET PASSES THROUGH THE CONSOLE
ROOM.*

PERI

What was that? Or did I imagine her?

DOCTOR

No. No, she was real enough.

PERI

Anyone important?

DOCTOR

Didn't get a chance to ask.

PERI

Great. Do you expect any more uninvited guests?

DOCTOR

No. Both the Tardis and the time corridor have now fully stabilised.

PERI

Was she travelling down the time corridor?

DOCTOR

Yes. I only hope she wasn't banking on reaching twelfth century Earth. The Tardis is bound to have deflected her path.

PERI

Well then, we must help her.

DOCTOR

That comes next!

...the fuck?

She was Looking for Mr Goodbar.

You're supposed to *yield* to apparitions while in a time corridor, dumbass.

We can hardly help ourselves.

*SPARKS COME FROM A MODULE IN THE
CONSOLE.*

DOCTOR

Velocity override!

PERI

I thought you said the worst was over.

DOCTOR

Did I? She's attempting to materialise.

PERI

Great.

DOCTOR

We must be near the source of the time
tunnel.

LOCATION - INNER SANCTUM

TEKKER

The Borad is very angry and can you
blame him? It's only out of his innate
kindness that he hasn't demanded
immediate retribution.

KENDRON

How do you mean?

TEKKER

If we don't get the amulet back, he will
destroy every Karfelon in the Citadel.

BRUNNER

All five hundred of us?

TEKKER

The androids have already sealed the
complex.

BRUNNER

But what will killing us achieve?

TEKKER

Revenge.

KENDRON

I lied.

Rule number one.

See? There was no point to the belts. They're
fine.

All 500? Represented by the six of you?

The androids have sealed the complex by
surrounding it in bright pink fabric, led by the
chief designer android, Christo.

What if we blast our way through to the power cells?

TEKKER

And risk triggering an energy chain explosion?

GUARDOLIER

Maylin, I'm tracking a moving object in the Timelash vortex.

TEKKER

Could it be Vena?

GUARDOLIER

It's some sort of craft, coming up the corridor in reverse.

BRUNNER

But what object can penetrate the Timelash?

TEKKER

The sort we need to retrieve the amulet.

LOCATION - BORAD'S VAULT

ON THE WALL SCREEN, THE BORAD IS WATCHING THE TARDIS COME UP THE TIMELASH.

BORAD

It appears the Doctor is attempting a return visit to our planet. I look forward to our reunion.

LOCATION - INNER SANCTUM

TEKKER

This could be the answer to our prayers.

KENDRON

My father always talked of the Doctor's return. That is, before the story of the Doctor's visit was ordered erased from our history books.

TEKKER

All that matters now is that the Doctor

Hmm, death by flipper guy, or by energy chain explosion. This is a tough one...

Is there a space-lash, also?

How about a height, width, or depth-lash?

We can resume our poker game.

has arrived.

KENDRON

And he can retrieve the amulet.

BRUNNER

But will he agree?

TEKKER

I'm sure we'll be able to persuade him.

*THE TARDIS LEAVES THE TIMELASH AND
MATERIALISES.*

LOCATION - TARDIS

THE INNER SANCTUM IS ON THE SCANNER.

PERI

A reception committee. Well, they look friendly enough.

DOCTOR

So they should be. I've been here before.

PERI

And where's here?

DOCTOR

Karfel. I was here a regeneration or three back.

PERI

Well, if you've been here before, no problem.

DOCTOR

Except that time corridor. Karfel should be centuries from such technology.

*THE DOCTOR STRIDES FOR THE DOOR. PERI
HEADS FOR THE DOOR CONTROL.*

PERI

Doctor

DOCTOR

No.

Oh that Tekker.

They're in the wrong aspect ratio. A bit squeezed!
That's the only way Paul Darrow could fit on one screen.

I had falafel a few days ago, myself.

You can get anything on ebay.

HE PULLS THE LEVER.

DOCTOR

Now don't go wandering off until I'm certain this place is clear.

PERI

Yes, sir.

LOCATION - INNER SANCTUM

TEKKER

I will do the talking.

THE DOCTOR AND PERI COME OUT OF THE TARDIS.

TEKKER

Welcome, Time Lord.

DOCTOR

Hello, I'm the Doctor.

TEKKER

And I am Tekker. Maylin Tekker. We are honoured that you have decided to visit us again after all this time.

DOCTOR

Indeed you are. This is Peri, my assistant.

PERI

Hi.

TEKKER

Only the two of you?

DOCTOR

Yes, travelling light this time. Besides, so difficult to recruit good staff these days, don't you agree? Maylin, about this time corridor in space.

TEKKER

All in good time, Doctor. All in good time. Please enjoy our hospitality first. Have you been travelling long?

I'm not at all surprised.

(this time) What, last time you brought all of UNIT with you?

TEKKER LEADS PERI AWAY FROM THE DOCTOR, PAST THE TARDIS.

PERI

Well, it's hard to say, really. Time just flies when you're in the Tardis.

LOCATION - HOSPITALITY ROOM

TEKKER BRINGS PERI INTO A COMFORTABLE ROOM WHERE THE ANDROID IS STANDING WAITING WITH A TRAY OF FOUR GOBLETS.

TEKKER

Please come in, Doctor.

THE DOCTOR SPOTS THE CCTV CAMERA ABOVE THE DOORWAY.

TEKKER

Oh, our security system. There have been a lot of changes since you were last here.

PERI TAKES A GOBLET. THE ANDROID GOES OVER TO THE DOCTOR.

DOCTOR

So I see.

HE WAVES THE DRINKS AWAY.

PERI

Oh, what unusual plants.

DOCTOR

Peri is a bit of a botanist.

TEKKER

Indeed.

PERI

Oh, most unusual.

DOCTOR

Maylin, I'd like to talk to you about

THE ANDROID SNATCHES PERI'S MEDALLION WHILE SHE IS BENDING OVER

Zing!

(system) We got it from 1970s earth.

We have become a society of pick pockets and shoplifters.

Hey, they're all made of plastic!

THE FLOWER BOX, AND LEAVES.

PERI

Ow! Hey, that's mine! What's all that about?

TEKKER

I'm terribly sorry about that. I do hope it didn't frighten you too much.

PERI

I'm more concerned about losing my Saint Christopher.

TEKKER

Yes. I think the android was trying to warn you away from this plant. Although it is a very beautiful specimen, it has the nasty habit of ejecting an acidic fluid into the face of the admirer.

PERI

Well, I'm surprised you have them on display.

DOCTOR

I think perhaps a little re-potting and reprogramming is in order. Don't you, Maylin?

TEKKER

Yes. You could be right.

A RED LIGHT BY THE CCTV CAMERA BLINKS AND BEEPS.

TEKKER

Ah. Excuse me for a moment, will you?

TEKKER HANDS THE PLANT POT TO THE DOCTOR, PUSHING THE FLOWERS RIGHT INTO HIS FACE, AND LEAVES.

DOCTOR

Charming fellow.

LOCATION - INNER SANCTUM

A COBRA SNAKE-LIKE ALIEN IS ON THE

See, even the androids are thieves.

Yer not funny!

Oooh blinky light.
Fries are up!

WALL MONITOR.

KENDRON

The Bandril ambassador, Maylin. He has issued an ultimatum.

TEKKER

Has he indeed? Greetings, Ambassador.

BANDRIL

I am commanded by the President's Circle to give you a final opportunity to re-establish the grain supply to Bandril. Food which is rightfully ours.

TEKKER

By what right?

BANDRIL

The Treaty of Cooperation.

TEKKER

That was revoked by the Borad.

BANDRIL

You can't just revoke an intergalactic treaty.

TEKKER

The Borad can, and he has done.

BANDRIL

Tekker

TEKKER

Maylin Tekker.

BANDRIL

We don't want war. We are peaceful people. Our planet is on the verge of famine. Do not give us reason to come and take the grain.

TEKKER

Oh, I assure you, Ambassador, you will find that extremely difficult.

BANDRIL

It appears that diplomacy has failed.

GI Joe!

Mee mee mee mee mee meeee!

Meee me meee.

Mee me meee mee meeeemeee.

Mee...

Me me meeee me meee memee meeee mee.

Couldn't they just send a bunch of mongooses

TEKKER

Yes, indeed. Rather like you and your starving planet, Ambassador. (laughs

BANDRIL

Then it seems that we are at war.

TEKKER

Good.

TEKKER ENDS THE TRANSMISSION.

KENDRON

Maylin, you have deliberately provoked an attack!

TEKKER

Of course I have. Do you think the Borad could ever be defeated? Mark my words, soon our planet will rule this corner of the universe with the power of a giant ocean.

KENDRON

With you on the crest of the wave.

TEKKER

You see nothing and you understand less. The Borad wants to defeat them. Their bombs won't even penetrate our solar system, let alone enter our atmosphere. I must find Brunner.

LOCATION - HOSPITALITY ROOM

DOCTOR

The place has certainly changed. There's something missing. What is it?

PERI

It's so dull.

DOCTOR

Bored already?

PERI

No. It lacks sparkle. There's no reflection. It's all so matt and lifeless. Even the goblets don't shine.

to the Bandril planet?

War. Huh. What is it good for?

Yyyuuupp!

Soon our planet will **RULE** this planet!
AND the giant ocean!

Look, Gay agenda.

Borad already.

We need Mister Sparkle!

A YOUNG MAN ENTERS QUICKLY THROUGH ANOTHER DOOR AND HANDS PERI A NOTE BEFORE RUSHING OUT AGAIN.

DOCTOR

Hello.

PERI

Hey.

DOCTOR

Hey, wait a minute.

PERI

(reads)

Sezon at the Falchian Rocks.

DOCTOR

I beg your pardon?

PERI

Sezon at the Falchian Rocks. A message.

TEKKER ENTERS.

TEKKER

I have arranged a short tour of the Citadel.

DOCTOR

Splendid.

TEKKER

For your assistant.

PERI

Oh, sounds great, but I'd rather not, if it's all the same to you.

TEKKER

Oh, but it's all arranged. Counsellor Brunner is waiting outside to escort you, and I have so much to talk to you about, Doctor. The time corridor was a brilliant stroke of luck.

DOCTOR

Oh. The Maylin is absolutely right.

(shy) Hi, I think you're kinda pretty, ok bye!

Darmok and Jalad at Tanagra.

Just not a very coherent one.

It will be boring and end in the overpriced gift shop, where you will be given an opportunity to purchase things that have been stolen from you along the way by thieves. This is how our economy works.

You go and have a look around. We'll join you when we've had a little chat.

PERI

Doctor, in the Tardis you distinctly said

DOCTOR

Oh, never mind what I said in the Tardis. Off you go. The Maylin and I have important things to discuss, don't we, Maylin.

TEKKER

Yes, Doctor.

LOCATION - CITADEL

BRUNNER GIVES INSTRUCTIONS TO A GUARD.

BRUNNER

When you've killed the girl, dispose of the body.

GUARDOLIER

But where, Counsellor?

BRUNNER

Imbecile. The caves, of course. No doubt the Morlox will make a meal of her.

LOCATION - HOSPITALITY ROOM

DOCTOR

And you seriously expect me to believe this preposterous story? That a lady of the Inner Sanctum just happened to fall into a time vortex with a vitally important key to your power vault?

TEKKER

Yes, Doctor, and there's very little time left.

DOCTOR

For what?

TEKKER

For you to retrieve it.

Nudge nudge, wink wink, say no more!

Dumpster.

Did you forget it's your turn to feed it?

DOCTOR

Retrieve it? You seriously expect me to go through space and time looking for a lost girl and her trinket? Give me one good reason why I should.

TEKKER

Peri.

LOCATION - CITADEL

BRUNNER

This is the west corridor of the central Citadel.

PERI

All these corridors look the same to me. Are these plants indigenous to Karfel?

BRUNNER

Most of them are from Bandril. That's our neighbouring planet. It's also why they require so much special attention.

THEY COME TO A JUNCTION WHERE THE GUARD IS WAITING.

PERI

They're beautiful.

BRUNNER

Dracowlis. Known as the flower of many faces.

BRUNNER SENDS THE GUARD OUT OF SIGHT.

PERI

I can see why.

BRUNNER'S WRIST COMMUNICATOR BEEPS.

BRUNNER

Would you excuse me, Peri? I'm summoned away. I'll be back shortly.

PERI

Sure.

Isn't that kind of what you do?

...but you can see a bit of the north corridor.

(to me) Oh, hey, meta joke.

Lots of planets have a west corridor.

Oh, my T.I. Calculator watch is beeping.

PERI MOVES OVER TO ANOTHER FLOWER BOX, AND STICKS HER TONGUE OUT AT A VERY LARGE SPECIMEN OF THE ACID SQUIRTING PLANT. THE GUARD REAPPEARS WITH A COLLAR DEVICE.

PERI

I take it you're not the resident gardener come to do some pruning, huh? Doctor!

PERI GRABS THE PLANT AND SHOVES IT INTO THE GUARD'S FACE. HE SCREAMS AND FALLS. PERI RUNS OFF BUT THE ANDROID BLOCKS HER WAY. SHE RETREATS AND RUNS DOWN A DEAD END, THEN DISCOVERS THAT THE LARGE TRIANGLE ON THE DOOR TURNS. SHE GETS THROUGH JUST BEFORE THE ANDROID FIRES. PERI FINDS HERSELF IN A DIRTY AREA LIT ONLY BY A CANDLE OR TWO. SHE LOCKS THE DOOR BEHIND HERSELF AND STARTS EXPLORING.

ANDROID

The girl has escaped.

BRUNNER

So I see. Still, there's nothing that way but rebels, dank tunnels, and the Morlox. Pity, really. She was an attractive young woman.

BRUNNER PICKS UP THE NOTE THAT PERI MUST HAVE DROPPED AND READS IT.

ANDROID

Yes, indeed she was.

BRUNNER

On the other hand, perhaps I know where to find her. Come on.

LOCATION - CAVERN

PERI

Beautiful fragrance.

SHE STEPS CLOSE TO A DOZING CREATURE, WHICH MOVES. SHE SCREAMS.

NOW she's in for some fun!

She turned because she heard the incidental music?

Run away! Run away!

(android turns) If only the android could corner faster!

Oh, THIS makes a lot of sense.

What, that there's a CAVE behind that door?

And apparently it's one of those doors that can only be used once.

Be careful, he's out-acting you all!

I can make a more convincing cave in Minecraft.

LOCATION - HOSPITALITY ROOM

TEKKER INSTRUCTS A GUARD.

TEKKER

The Doctor is about to leave. Escort him to the Tardis and see that he does.

GUARDOLIER

Yes, Maylin.

TEKKER

Good luck, Doctor. For Peri's sake, don't come back empty handed.

DOCTOR

The reason I am doing this, Maylin, is not only to ensure Peri's safety, but the safety and well-being of all on this planet. Something furthest from your mind, I fancy.

GUARDOLIER

Move.

LOCATION - COTTAGE

A YOUNG VICTORIAN-ERA MAN IS MOVING A GLASS AROUND A CIRCLE OF CARDS WHICH CONTAIN LETTERS OF THE ALPHABET. HE LETS GO OF THE GLASS TO CONSULT A BOOK AND THE GLASS MOVES ON ITS OWN. THEN VENA APPEARS.

HERBERT

What did I say?

VENA

Please, help me.

VENA COLLAPSES.

LOCATION - CAVERN

PERI IS STILL BEING TERRORISED BY THE LONG-NECKED CREATURE WITH SHARP TEETH, WHICH HAS A STRONG SIMILARITY TO A SKARASEN, BUT IS MUCH SMALLER.

At least bring her back a t-shirt.

New magnetic Ouija boards.

...acting!

PERI

Help! Help!

THREE PEOPLE RUN IN AND START SHOOTING AT IT. THEY HIT IT, AND A YOUNG WOMAN GRABS PERI'S ARM, PULLING HER TO SAFETY. THE MEN FINISH THE CREATURE OFF. SUDDENLY, A BURNING ANDROID APPEARS.

KATZ

What is it?

SEZON

Android. Quick, away from here.

LOCATION - BORAD'S VAULT

THE BORAD IS WATCHING A LOOPED RECORDING OF PERI LEAVING THE TARDIS. IT SPEAKS TO THE ANDROID.

BORAD

A plucky creature who knows how to take care of herself. If she's still alive, I want her brought to me completely unharmed.

LOCATION - REBEL HIDEOUT

PERI HAS BEEN TIED TO THE ROCK WALL.

SEZON

Who are you?

PERI

I could ask you the same question.

KATZ

She doesn't look like a spy.

PERI

Spy? I've only been on this planet a few minutes.

SEZON

I say we kill her. She must be working for those in the Citadel. She came here to trap us. You saw the android.

Can't she move?

Gay agenda again. Flaming android.

I like to watch. hehehehhhhhhhh

Who's he talking to?
His plastic pal who's fun to be with.

KATZ

I also saw that it was on fire.

SEZON

So their plan went wrong. Kill her!

PERI

No! Look, I'm innocent. I haven't done anything to hurt you.

SEZON

Katz, we're wasting time.

KATZ

Wait! You're going to have to tell us everything you know, or he'll insist on killing you. Look, I don't want any violence. I would be willing to let you live if you just told us who sent you.

SEZON

You've got fifteen seconds.

KATZ

Look, if you're not from the Citadel, where are you from?

PERI

You'd never believe me.

KATZ

Well, try me.

PERI

Earth. I came with the Doctor in the Tardis.

SEZON

The Doctor?

PERI

That's right.

SEZON

She must think we're fools. Five seconds.

KATZ PUSHES SEZON'S GUN AWAY AND TAKES A LOCKET FROM UNDERNEATH HER COLLAR.

(killing you) If you don't tell us, Stacy Keach will kill you!

You want me to tell you *everything*, including everything I know about botany, which isn't really very much to be honest?

Allegedly, America. Can't tell, can ya?

KATZ

This was given to my grandfather by the Doctor. Do you know who she is?

IT CONTAIN A LOCK OF HAIR AND A PICTURE OF JO GRANT.

PERI

I've seen photographs of her, but I've never met her.

SEZON

What's her name?

PERI

Jo Grant. She used to travel with the Doctor.

KATZ

You're right. You still want to kill her?

LOCATION - TARDIS

DOCTOR

1179 AD. Add a time deflection coefficient of seven hundred and six years, that is 1885 AD.

LOCATION - COTTAGE

VENA WAKES UP ON A BED. HERBERT IS STILL AT THE TABLE WITH THE MAKESHIFT OUIJA BOARD.

HERBERT

The talisman's in a purse under your pillow.

VENA

Where am I? And who are you?

HERBERT

My name is Herbert. From your sudden materialisation, I presume you are a spirit from the other side.

VENA

My name is Vena. Thank you for looking after me.

THREE... TWO... ONE...

Does that earring mean he's a pirate?
Yar.

I can say hi to Doc Brown.

Might wanna go easier on the blush, there.

And the pellet with the poison's in the vessel with the pestle.

HERBERT

No, the pleasure's all mine. Although I do assume you are from up there, rather than down there.

VENA

It would be more accurate to assume that I am from beyond the stars.

HERBERT

Incredible.

VENA

This is a strange and beautiful land.

HERBERT

Yes, I come up here every summer. The cottage belongs to my uncle. I'm a teacher, or will be next term. I use the place for a bit of peace and quiet. I fancy myself as a bit of a writer, actually, but nothing published yet, of course. When the weather's nice I do the odd bit of fishing on the loch. Perhaps you'd care to join me? But then on the other hand, perhaps spirits from the other side might find fishing a bit mundane.

*THE SOUND OF THE TARDIS
MATERIALISING NEARBY.*

HERBERT

What on Earth's that?

VENA

They must not get the amulet.

HERBERT

Who mustn't? You mean there's someone else about to materialise? I didn't summon them.

VENA

You must help me.

HERBERT

I'll do all I can.

Ooooh wow, cosmic.

(writer) You fancy yourself? That's a little weird.

Yer not funny either!

VENA HIDES THE PURSE IN A SMALL DRAWER WHILE HERBERT GRABS A CRUCIFIX AND A BIBLE BEFORE CONSULTING THE BOOK HE WAS READING.

HERBERT

Right, ridding unwanted spirits. Right, here it is. Right, now stay there.

HERBERT OPENS THE DOOR. THE TARDIS IS JUST OUTSIDE.

LOCATION - OUTSIDE THE COTTAGE

HERBERT

It's a blue monolith!

DOCTOR

Hello! Have you seen a rather surprised young lady?

HERBERT HOLDS UP THE CRUCIFIX AND BACKS INTO THE COTTAGE.

HERBERT

Avaunt thee, foul fanged fiend!

DOCTOR

I can assure you I'm not that long in the tooth, and neat blood brings me out in a rash.

HERBERT

Back from where you came, spirit of the glass.

DOCTOR

Not just yet, if you don't mind.

THE DOCTOR SHUTS THE DOOR, AND SEES VENA HIDING BEHIND IT.

DOCTOR

Ah! Now you must be Vena.

VENA

Yes, my name is Vena.

DOCTOR

I'm afraid we left you rather up in the

(make 2001 chanting sound)

How about carrot juice?

My name is Vena, I live on the second floor...

air on our last fleeting encounter.

VENA

It was you in the Timelash?

HERBERT

No, Vena, don't talk to him.

VENA

Why not?

DOCTOR

Yes, why not? I'm the Doctor.
Delighted to meet you.

VENA

The Doctor?

DOCTOR

I think you have something

*THE DOCTOR AVOIDS HERBERT HITTING
HIM OVER THE HEAD WITH HIS
SPIRITUALIST BOOK.*

DOCTOR

Which your Maylin would like
returned.

LOCATION - REBEL'S HIDEOUT

PERI FINISHES A DRINK.

PERI

This stuff tastes okay.

SEZON

Enjoy it. It may be our last for some
time.

PERI

Why do you hide down here?

KATZ

Because of our ruler, the Borad.

SEZON

Through his lackey, Maylin Tekker,
he's provoked war with the Bandrils.

Swing and a miss, and the count now at 2 and
2.

Two glasses of wine in just a few minutes...

PERI

Why?

KATZ

I don't know.

SEZON

If the Bandrils use a bendalypse warhead, I shudder to think of the consequences. It's a missile so powerful it can destroy anything with a central nervous system, yet leave all buildings standing.

PERI

Sounds familiar.

SEZON

Ironically, it won't kill the Morlox.

PERI

Well, it sort of makes him king of the desolation, won't it?

KATZ

That's the irony.

SEZON

Do you think the Doctor would help us?

PERI

Well, of course, if we could get to him.

KATZ

Sezon, you've got to find a way.

PERI

Are you Sezon? Is this place Falchian Rocks?

KATZ

Yes.

PERI

Well, I had a message. Sezon at the Falchian Rocks.

SEZON

It must be from one of our people in the

Sounds better than the Nude Bomb.

The Felching Rocks?!

Citadel.

KATZ

That's right.

PERI SEARCHES HER POCKETS.

PERI

Oh, I didn't understand why he gave it to me. Where did I put it.

GUARDS BURST IN.

GUARDOLIER

I wouldn't do that.

PERI

I must have dropped it.

SEZON

Obviously.

LOCATION - COTTAGE

DOCTOR

I'm glad you accept my explanation, Herbert.

HERBERT

It's fantastical. A machine that transcends time itself. Can I see it?

DOCTOR

Er, some other time, perhaps. Our first priority is to return the amulet.

VENA

No! The amulet stays here. Mykros warned me the Borad's power depends upon it.

DOCTOR

So do the lives of everyone on Karfel. It must be returned. Trust me. It's the only way to help your people and defeat this Borad of whom you speak.

VENA

I know you saved our planet once before, Doctor, and so I do trust you.

Should have been more KARFEL. Get it?

So there was absolutely no point at all to that message, other than to have Peri drop it accidentally so they could be found. Now THAT'S what I call good scriptwriting!

(trust me) I'm a Doctor.

Very well, when do we leave?

DOCTOR

I leave immediately. You'll be safer here with Herbert. As soon as Karfel is free again, I promise I'll return for you.

VENA

Doctor, it is my planet, and they are my people. Either you take me back with you now, or the amulet stays here.

DOCTOR

You sound as irritatingly resolute as another young lady I know. Very well, but we must hurry. Goodbye, Herbert. Perhaps I'll allow you to exorcise me another time.

HERBERT

Oh, Doctor, you can't leave me behind after all this.

DOCTOR

We're not going on some joy ride, you know.

HERBERT

But Doctor, I don't care about the risk. I just want to travel in your time ship. Please, you must take me.

DOCTOR

Absolutely not.

HERBERT

Please.

DOCTOR

No.

HERBERT

Oh, very well, then. Then goodbye, Vena. I wish we could have got better acquainted.

VENA

Goodbye, Herbert, and good luck.

HERBERT PICKS UP HIS JACKET AND

(Herbert) Have you *seen* Herbert? *HERBERT* isn't even safer here with Herbert!

Like hell I can't.

She's a moose!

*LEAVES THROUGH AN INTERIOR DOOR.
VENA RETRIEVES THE PURSE.*

DOCTOR

Nice enough young fellow, but we must hurry. Have you got the amulet? Good. Remind me to return this mirror to Herbert sometime. Come along.

LOCATION - BORAD'S VAULT

ANDROID

We have captured the Doctor's companion and some of the rebels at Falchian Rocks.

BORAD

Excellent. Prepare her as ordered and dispose of the others in the Timelash.

ANDROID

It will be done.

BORAD

And when the Doctor returns, make sure you have the Maylin's amulet in your grasp before committing him to the same fate.

LOCATION - TARDIS

IN FLIGHT.

VENA

Until recently, our schools taught of your first visit to our planet and your promise to return.

DOCTOR

Promise?

VENA

You do remember?

DOCTOR

Yes, of course. Never like to forget a promise.

VENA

But the Borad's changed everything.

Okay. Doctor?

Yes?

Return that mirror to Herbert.

No, no, not now. Remind me later.

When?

I don't know, just later. Just pick a time.

When?

I don't know. Just any old time. When you think I've forgotten.

When?

Just pick a random number, express that number as a quantity of minutes, and when that time has elapsed, remind me to return the mirror to Herbert.

Affirmative.

No Child Left Behind.

(mumble) I have no idea what you're talking about.

Gradually, he's taking over the entire planet. I was misled like the rest of our leaders. It has already cost my father his life. And Mykros, the man I was to marry, is probably floating in the Timelash now.

THE DOCTOR RUNS ROUND THE CONSOLE TO STOP HER TOUCHING SOME CONTROLS.

DOCTOR

Don't worry about the Borad. I'll deal with him, make no mistake. I show little mercy to time meddlers.

HERBERT BACKS IN FROM THE INTERIOR, MAKING NOTES IN A SMALL NOTEBOOK.

HERBERT

Incredible. It's just incredible.

DOCTOR

What are you doing here?

HERBERT

Just look at this place. I can't believe it. Do you know it's actually bigger inside

DOCTOR

I know.

HERBERT

Than it is on the outside.

DOCTOR

I know! I know!

HERBERT

Do we travel above or below water?

DOCTOR

Do you realise there is an intergalactic law expressly forbidding stowaways?

HERBERT

They'll never believe me. I'm sorry, Doctor. Sorry I tricked you. But I'm not sorry I'm here.

DOCTOR

Is the autocue in the lights?

Including the Time Meddler.

Put on the belts!

Since there's no time to take you back,
it looks as if we're stuck with you.

HERBERT

I can't believe this is actually
happening.

DOCTOR

If you so much as breathe when you
shouldn't, or get in my way, I'll lock
you up until all this is over, is that
understood?

HERBERT

Yes, Doctor, whatever you say.

VENA

It is nice to see you again, Herbert.

THE TARDIS DISTORTS.

VENA

Is it always like this, Doctor?

DOCTOR

We're transcending the time vortex.
Brace yourselves.

LOCATION - OUTSIDE THE INNER SANCTUM

*THE TARDIS MATERIALISES AND THE
DOCTOR STEPS OUT. TEKKER AND THE
ANDROID COME ROUND THE CORNER.*

TEKKER

Ah, welcome back, Doctor. Oh, and I'm
so pleased to see you again, Vena.
Have you got the amulet?

DOCTOR

Where's the Borad? I demand to see
him.

TEKKER

Impossible.

DOCTOR

No Borad, no amulet.

TEKKER

It's a good thing Herbert was there for her to
hold on to. I mean, they never put the belts on.
"Everyone needs a hand to hold on to..."

Come along, Doctor. Hand over the amulet or I shall be obliged to retrieve it by force.

DOCTOR

Do you realise with whom you're dealing?

TEKKER

Your bravado is all very well, but it won't do much to help you assistant, Peri. I would hate to have to have her put to death.

VENA HANDS OVER THE AMULET, WATCHED BY HERBERT, KENDRON AND BRUNNER.

VENA

Now stop this madness, Tekker. You cannot hope to defeat a Time Lord.

THE GUARDS BRING MYKROS IN, AND THE REBELS.

MYKROS

Vena!

TEKKER

Brunner. Prepare the Timelash.

LOCATION - INNER SANCTUM

DOCTOR

Where's Peri? You promised her safe return.

TEKKER

Ah, yes. Well, you shouldn't believe everything that people tell you, Doctor.

DOCTOR

You gave me your word, you microcephalic apostate. I demand to see the Borad immediately.

TEKKER

Admit defeat, Doctor.

DOCTOR

Oh, the entire population of the planet is here.

Lash lash ash ash ash ash !

Yeah I promise a lot of things...

Oh, *someone* just downloaded the Word of the Day app.

Never!

TEKKER

The stories I've heard about you. The great Doctor, all knowing and all powerful. You're about as powerful as a burnt out android. Our ruler has finished with you once and for all.

KENDRON

We can't do this, Tekker.

TEKKER

Shut up, or you'll be joining him.

DOCTOR

You're as warped as your dictator friend.

TEKKER

Save your breath for the Timelash, Doctor. Most people depart with a scream.

BRUNNER

The vortex is ready, Maylin.

TEKKER

Despatch the Doctor first.

THE ANDROID SEIZES THE DOCTOR BY THE SCRUFF OF THE NECK AND FORCES HIM FORWARD.

TEKKER

Goodbye, Doctor. Unpleasant journey. Bwahahahahaha!

Part Two

LOCATION - INNER SANCTUM

THE DOCTOR GETS HERBERT'S MIRROR OUT OF HIS POCKET AND HOLDS IT UP IN FRONT OF THE ANDROID. IT RELEASES HIM AND BACKS AWAY. THE DOCTOR PURSUES IT, AND ELBOWS A GUARD AS HE PASSES. SEZON, MYKROS AND KATZ TAKE THE HINT AND ATTACK THE OTHER GUARDS. TEKKER AND BRUNNER FLEE AS MYKROS FIGHTS

Mmmm. Ham.

Hold mirror to make android dance.

It's an epidemic of knee-groin injuries!

BRUNNER.

VENA

Seal the doors!

SEZON OBEYS, AND SHOOTS OUT THE CONTROLS. HERBERT GIVES VENA A LEG UP TO COVER THE CCTV CAMERA WITH A BLACK SCARF. THE DOCTOR AND THE ANDROID ARE BACK IN FRONT OF THE TIMELASH. MYKROS PUSHES BRUNNER UP THE RAMP, AND BRUNNER AND THE ANDROID FALL INTO THE VORTEX, NEARLY TAKING THE DOCTOR WITH THEM. MYKROS PULLS HIM OUT.

DOCTOR

Thank you, Mykros.

MYKROS

Doctor.

DOCTOR

Right, get those guards next door and tie them up.

SEZON

We're safe. Just let them try breaking in.

DOCTOR

They will, but we must be ready for them.

KATZ

But how?

DOCTOR

We're safe for now, but we must turn this pause to our advantage.

AS THE GUARDS ARE REMOVED, MYKROS EMBRACES VENA.

HERBERT

What is this Timelash, Doctor?

DOCTOR

Not now, Herbert. Mykros, can you hand me some strong rope or wire?

This scene makes about as much sense as that website... um... you know, that site... oh, yeah, healthcare.gov.

(Kiss)

Watch the hands next time.

MYKROS

Yes, right.

VENA

Doctor, what are you going to do?

DOCTOR

Enter the Timelash.

LOCATION - TUNNELS

A GUARD DRAGS PERI ALONG BY A METAL COLLAR.

PERI

Ow! You're hurting me.

LOCATION - CITADEL

THEY REENTER THE CITADEL THROUGH THE DOORWAY PERI USED LAST EPISODE TO ESCAPE.

PERI

Where are you taking me?

GUARDOLIER

You'll see.

LOCATION - BORAD'S VAULT

ANDROID

Borad, what are your instructions?

BORAD

The Guardoliers must apprehend the Doctor and the rebels.

ANDROID

But the Sanctum has been sealed.

BORAD

My time web has the power to disintegrate the doors. Use that.

ANDROID

At once.

BORAD

(all) (Cheer)

He's not going away forever.

(all) Awww, dang.

To one of the other 4 locations on this expansive BBC set, of course.

Time web, timelash, we need a time scoop now too.

But the Earth woman must be kept alive.

LOCATION - INNER SANCTUM

THE DOCTOR IS TYING ONE END OF THE ROPE AROUND HIS WAIST WHILST THE MEN HOLD ONTO THE OTHER END.

DOCTOR

Not as long as I'd have liked, but it will have to do.

VENA

Is it safe to enter the Timelash?

DOCTOR

It's our only hope. Without the Kontron crystals, we've got no chance of getting out of here alive.

HERBERT

Let me go, Doctor. You're needed here.

DOCTOR

Thank you, Herbert, but no. Those crystals require skilful manipulation. Rough handling could be dangerous. Right, here we go.

THE DOCTOR ABSEILS BACKWARDS INTO THE VORTEX.

KATZ

Good luck, Doctor.

THE DOCTOR IS LOWERED INTO A CHAMBER WHERE GIANT CRYSTALS STICK OUT FROM THE WALLS. HE KNEELS ON ONE OF THEM.

SEZON

He's stopped.

VENA

Doctor! What's the matter?

LOCATION - TIMELASH

DOCTOR

You can't even if you try to give us enough... rope.

What length of BBC rope will we be likely to need?

I should use the longest BBC rope. That would be a good idea I imagine.

Someone threw a Christmas tree down here once and made a helluva mess!

The vortex attraction forces are taking effect. Could be tougher than I thought.

HE TRIES TO REACH ACROSS TO A SMALL TWO-ENDED CRYSTAL STICKING OUT OF THE END OF A LARGE ONE.

LOCATION - INNER SANCTUM

HERBERT

Can I come down and help, Doctor?

LOCATION - TIMELASH

DOCTOR

No, stay where you are! I've almost got this one.

HE FINALLY MANAGES TO SWING ACROSS AND GRABS IT. HE PUTS IT IN HIS POCKET THEN LOOKS AROUND FOR THE NEXT TARGET. IT IS BELOW HIM.

DOCTOR

Mykros, lower me a little. Enough.

THE DOCTOR TRIES TO SLIDE OUT ALONG THE BIG CRYSTAL.

LOCATION - INNER SANCTUM

THE OTHER HALF OF THE TUG OF WAR TEAM ARE NEARLY AT THE RAMP.

MYKROS

Do you want to come out now, Doctor?

LOCATION - TIMELASH

DOCTOR

Not yet. Almost got this one. Gotcha!

THE DOCTOR PUTS THE SMALL CRYSTAL IN HIS POCKET THEN REACHES FOR THE 'WALL' TO SLIDE BACK IN. HE SLIPS.

LOCATION - INNER SANCTUM

THE MEN ARE NEARLY PULLED UP THE RAMP.

I'm cold and scared, and there are wolves after me!

(clear throat) We in the Wood Party feel very strongly about the present weak drafting...

God DAMN how much does Colin weigh?
Fucking hell!

VENA

Pull him back!

MYKROS

I can't! The force is too great.

VENA

He's dangling on the edge of oblivion.

IN A CELL SOMEWHERE, PERI'S COLLAR HAS BEEN SECURED TO A SLANTING METAL BAR. A GAS CANISTER HAS BEEN FASTENED TO HER CHEST.

MEANWHILE, THE DOCTOR TRIES TO FIND A HAND HOLD IN THE 'WALL'.

HERBERT

Hang on.

HERBERT LETS GO OF THE ROPE AND GOES TO THE VORTEX OPENING.

SEZON

Katz, come here, quickly!

MYKROS

Take the strain!

SEZON

Come on, pull!

VENA

Careful, Herbert.

HERBERT LOWERS HIMSELF DOWN THE ROPE INTO THE TIMELASH.

KATZ

Careful!

SEZON

Careful, Herbert!

LOCATION - TIMELASH

HERBERT CLIMBS DOWN THE LARGE CRYSTALS UNTIL HE IS JUST ABOVE THE DOCTOR'S HEAD.

No!

We're being taken out of time and space!

Right, who's next... Vena?

Built in Minecraft Tekkit.

HERBERT

Doctor!

DOCTOR

Get back!

MYKROS HEADS INTO THE VORTEX WHILST ALL EXCEPT VENA STRAIN ON THE ROPE. HE TAKES POSITION ABOVE HERBERT AND GRABS HIS RIGHT HAND AS HERBERT AND THE DOCTOR TRY TO GET HOLD OF EACH OTHER.

MYKROS

I've got you!

HERBERT

Just a bit further, Doctor. Got him!

HERBERT PULLS THE DOCTOR UP SO THAT HE CAN SIT ON A CRYSTAL AGAIN.

LOCATION - CITADEL

KENDRON

The Borad will not be pleased with us.

TEKKER

Stop whining.

KENDRON

I have noticed it is better to die than to fail the Borad.

TEKKER

If you were to die, I don't think anybody would notice the difference.

KENDRON

I say, Tekker!

TEKKER

Maylin Tekker.

THE IMAGE OF THE NICE OLD MAN COMES UP ON A WALL SCREEN.

TEKKER

Ah, Borad.

These guys would make the worst tug of war team ever.

What are we gonna do, George? Huh George?

I say, Maylin Tekker!

I say, I say, I say!

Shadaaaaaaa!

BORAD 1

You do not serve me by arguing.

TEKKER

A frivolous debate concerning protocol.

BORAD 1

You have time for such things when my Timelash is in the hands of the Doctor and his friends?

TEKKER

We serve as best we can, Borad. As you know, I am not a man of action. The recapture of the Timelash is best left to those trained for such things.

BORAD 1

You disappoint me. I expected more from you than this.

TEKKER

Your trust is not misplaced. Kendron and I are on our way to see you.

BORAD 1

For what purpose?

TEKKER

With respect, Borad, a matter best not discussed over an open channel.

BORAD 1

Very well. Disappoint me and you die.

TEKKER

Of course.

THE IMAGE DISAPPEARS.

KENDRON

Now what have you said? The Borad will kill both of us.

TEKKER

Oh, I think not. After what I have to tell him, I think he'll be delighted. And while he's smiling, I shall recommend that he appoints you my deputy.

Now, one lump or two? Sugar?

Two. And don't call me Sugar.

Kendron is selling Girl Scout cookies for his daughter. You don't *have to* buy any, but, you know...

KENDRON

Me?

TEKKER

Yes, Kendron, you.

SOMEWHERE IN THE BORAD'S VAULT, THE ANDROID HELPS THE OLD MAN TO STAND. WE SEE THAT HE HAS A LOT OF WIRES COMING OUT OF THE BACK OF HIS HEAD AS HE WALKS JERKILY AWAY.

LOCATION - INNER SANCTUM

MYKROS CLIMBS OUT OF THE VORTEX, EXHAUSTED. HERBERT FOLLOWS.

VENA

Are you all right? Where are the crystals?

OUT COMES THE DOCTOR. KATZ UNTIES HIS LIFELINE.

VENA

Doctor, did you get the crystals?

DOCTOR

Yes.

VENA

Oh, well done.

KATZ

Well done.

VENA

Yes, indeed. Well done! And you too, Herbert.

HERBERT

Well, it was nothing.

DOCTOR

When we've stopped congratulating each other, perhaps we can get on.

LOCATION - CELL

I need someone dumber than a spoon.

Lame.

Vogue.

A GUARD OPENS THE CELL DOOR.

PERI

At last. Why am I being kept here? And why have I had this contraption fitted to me? Well, can't you speak, dumbbo?

THE GUARD UNFASTENS PERI FROM THE METAL BAR AND LEADS HER AWAY.

PERI

Ow! All right, I'm coming, I'm coming.

LOCATION - OUTSIDE THE BORAD'S VAULT

TEKKER

What's the matter with you? Don't you want to be recommended as Deputy Maylin?

KENDRON

It all seems a bit sudden.

TEKKER

But you're the perfect choice. You have the right attitude.

KENDRON

What about Brunner?

TEKKER

What about him?

KENDRON

I thought

TEKKER

What?

KENDRON

Nothing.

TEKKER

There you are, you see? I'm right. You have the perfect attitude.

LOCATION - BORAD'S VAULT

TEKKER AND KENDRON ENTER, AND BOW TO THE IMAGE OF THE OLD MAN ON THE

I AM A NON-SPEAKING EXTRA, lady!

(cck) You're fired! (cck)

AGH, DAMMIT!

Besides, didn't you just make that up? Deputy Maylin?

I, uh, thought you guys were, you know, *together*.

OPPOSITE WALL. THE REAL BORAD IN THE CHAIR HAS ITS BACK TO THEM.

BORAD 1

What happened, Tekker? Have you failed me as well?

TEKKER

Ah, we were betrayed, Borad.

BORAD 1

Indeed? By whom?

TEKKER

Kendron. He betrayed us.

KENDRON

No! You're lying. You said I was to be made Deputy Maylin.

TEKKER

Ah, yes. A small ruse, Borad, to put the traitor off his guard.

BORAD 1

He must be dealt with.

KENDRON

No! No! I have been faithful to you.

THE CREATURE IN THE CHAIR TURNS TO FACE KENDRON.

KENDRON

What's going on?

BORAD 1

I will not tolerate infidelity.

KENDRON

Oh, oh please, Borad, believe me. I am not a spy.

THE RED RAY LANCES OUT, TURNING KENDRON INTO A BRITTLE SKELETON. THE BORAD'S VOICE CHANGES BUT WE DO NOT SEE HIM SPEAK.

BORAD

It would seem I made the right choice

Tekker, you jerk!

I even named my gerbil after you!

I guess he didn't believe you.

for Maylin.

TEKKER

Thank you, Borad.

BORAD

See that you continue to serve me with the same degree of fidelity.

LOCATION - CITADEL

PERI IS DRAGGED ALONG A CORRIDOR.

PERI

You're still hurting me. Now where are you taking me?

GUARDOLIER

You'll see.

SOMETHING GROWLS AHEAD.

PERI

No, not that creature again! No, please!

LOCATION - INNER SANCTUM

OUTSIDE, THE ANDROID AND A PAIR OF GUARDS ASSEMBLE THE BORAD'S WEAPON. INSIDE, MYKROS AND SEZON STRUGGLE WITH THE TIMELASH CONTROL PANEL WHILE THE DOCTOR DOES SOMETHING CLEVER WITH THE KONTRON CRYSTALS AND A LOT OF WIRING.

MYKROS

Do you want the whole of this panel out, Doctor?

DOCTOR

Every last nut and bolt, if you please.

VENA

What are you making?

DOCTOR

Just a mess at the moment.

HERBERT

Shouldn't we prepare for the attack on

Continue to serve him ham.

He says he made the right choice, despite the fact that immediately after becoming Maylin, he lost both the amulet and control of the Timelash and the Citadel. Okay.

Build a better mousetrap.

Did all that stuff come from Radio Shack?

this place, Doctor?

DOCTOR

I am.

HERBERT

Well, how are these baubles and crystal balls going to help us?

DOCTOR

You'll see.

HERBERT

But will it work?

DOCTOR

Of course it'll work. I hope.

HERBERT

A small barricade in front of the door wouldn't help?

DOCTOR

Whatever they use to break through that door won't be impeded by a small barricade. Hurry up with that unit, Mykros.

MYKROS

Yes, nearly there.

THE CRYSTAL LIGHTS UP.

KATZ

It signalled back to you.

DOCTOR

No, it was the same beam of light.

KATZ

But how could it be? It took all of ten seconds to return.

DOCTOR

Precisely what it's supposed to do.

MYKROS BRINGS THE UNIT.

DOCTOR

Well done.

Science. It goes ding when there's stuff.

Can't you guys open a simple Thermos?

Like a beacon.
Mmmmm. Beacon.

VENA HEARS A NOISE OUTSIDE.

VENA

I think we could be running out of time.

MYKROS

You may well be right. Doctor?

DOCTOR

Nearly ready. Ah, there we are.

HERBERT

Where?

DOCTOR

Quiet. Pass me that chain.

THE DOCTOR FASTENS THE CHAIN TO THE LIGHTBULB HOLDER HE HAS JUST PUT A CRYSTAL INTO, AND PUTS IT AROUND HIS NECK. HE PUSHES A BUTTON AND VANISHES.

KATZ

Where's he gone?

THE DOCTOR REAPPEARS, BUT KATZ PUTS HER HAND THROUGH HIM.

HERBERT

Good gracious.

KATZ

Doctor, where are you?

SOMETHING PUSHES SEZON IN THE CHEST, THEN HERBERT. THE IMAGE OF THE DOCTOR GETS UP AND PUSHES THE AIR WHERE SEZON AND HERBERT WERE STANDING BEFORE RETURNING TO ITS SEAT AND PRESSING THE BUTTON ON THE CRYSTAL HOLDER. KATZ TOUCHES HIM. HE IS NOW SOLID.

KATZ

What's happening?

VENA

Dematerialisation?

Got another half hour. Shut up.

(her hand passes him) She was gonna feel for his nipples.

(on touch) Lower, please.

DOCTOR

Not exactly. Kontron crystals have a wide application of uses. I have turned this one into a ten second time break.

SEZON

So, you were travelling in time?

DOCTOR

Not exactly. Do you know, I haven't built one of these in ages.

SEZON

How does it work?

DOCTOR

Well, I time-slipped ten seconds into the future. As I did so, I projected an image of myself.

HERBERT

So we didn't see you, we saw an image of you.

DOCTOR

That's right. If you'd been able to look through this, you would, so to speak, have been able to see both of me at the same time.

HERBERT GRABS THE TUBE AND LOOKS THROUGH IT.

HERBERT

But I can't see anything.

DOCTOR

Of course you can't. It only works when this is switched on. Now, when I time slip, you'll be able to see the image I project and the real me ten seconds in the future.

HERBERT

It's science fiction.

THE DOCTOR TAKES THE TUBE BACK.

DOCTOR

Stacy Keach looks skeptical.

Not quite.

THE WALL SCREEN STARTS TO COME TO LIFE.

SEZON

Look, this might be a lot of fun for you, Doctor, but how's it going to help us get out of here?

DOCTOR

Ah, that's work for the second crystal. When properly set up, it'll absorb the energy used to break down that door, pass it through a ten second time loop, and feed it back again as a beam of pure energy. Now, that is something we can use against an attacker.

HERBERT

Brilliant! Absolutely brilliant!

SEZON

Yes, but will it work?

DOCTOR

I think we're about to find out.

VENA

Doctor, look.

THERE ARE THREE DOTS ON A GRIDDED IMAGE.

MYKROS

It's an invasion force.

SEZON

The Bandrils.

LOCATION - BORAD'S VAULT

THE BORAD HAS THE INCOMING SPACESHIPS ON HIS SCREEN.

BORAD

Excellent. Soon the only living creatures on this planet will be the Morloxes and myself.

Three dots, headed our way!

LOCATION - INNER SANCTUM

*THE GUARDS ARE STILL PUTTING THE
BORAD'S WEAPON TOGETHER. MORE
GUARDS ARRIVE.*

DOCTOR

Argh!

MYKROS

What's wrong?

DOCTOR

I can't set this time loop accurately enough. I was hoping to use the energy absorbed by the machine to project our attackers into the past. As yes, I can't guarantee a change of location as well.

HERBERT IS TAKING NOTES.

KATZ

How far back into the past, Doctor?

DOCTOR

An hour or so.

KATZ

I wonder.

SEZON

What?

KATZ

Think back to the tunnel when we rescued Peri from the Morlox.

SEZON

You're right. We saw a burning android.

KATZ

Will that be your handiwork, Doctor?

DOCTOR

What?

LOCATION - CAVERN

PERI HAS BEEN FASTENED TO A POST.

Those guys brought the skewers for the hibachi!

Were you guys talking?

PERI

Don't leave me here. Please, don't leave me here.

THE GUARD LEAVES AS GROWLS GET LOUDER.

PERI

Help me! Help!

LOCATION - OUTSIDE THE INNER SANCTUM

THE WEAPON IS READY.

ANDROID

Fire.

A BIG HOLE APPEARS IN THE DOOR.

LOCATION - INNER SANCTUM

EVERYONE SCATTERS AS THE GUARDS ENTER.

VENA

Doctor!

SEZON KILLS ONE GUARD, BUT AS HE GOES FOR HIS WEAPON, THE ANDROID SHOOTS HIM.

KATZ

Oh, Sezon!

HERBERT

Use the machine!

DOCTOR

We have to wait the full ten seconds.

MYKROS SHOOTS ANOTHER GUARD. KATZ DRAGS SEZON'S BODY OUT OF THE WAY. THE DOCTOR FIRES, AND THE ANDROID BURSTS INTO FLAMES THEN DISAPPEARS.

HERBERT

Holy mackerel, it actually works!

DOCTOR

No, come back in five minutes, release her, then chain her to something else with a different kind of restraint. This is a bit repetitive and it's about the most boring display of bondage I've ever seen.

Of course it did. Get down!

HERBERT, THE DOCTOR AND VENA HIDE BEHIND THE TIMELASH CONTROLS AS TWO MORE GUARDS ENTER. ONE FIRES AND BLOWS A HOLE IN THE WALL, REVEALING AN UNDERLYING PICTURE OF A WHITE-HAIRED TIME LORD BEFORE BEING FELLED, PRESUMABLY BY MYKROS. KATZ SHOOTS THE SECOND ONE.

MYKROS

It's incredible. I've never seen that before.

DOCTOR

That's me.

HERBERT

You've changed a bit.

DOCTOR

Mmm. Immeasurably for the better, it seems. Strange how you forget what you used to look like.

HERBERT

What does he mean?

VENA

It's a long story, Herbert. No time to tell it now.

DOCTOR

Right, you must all get out of here.

KATZ

Madric's dead and Sezon's wounded.

DOCTOR

There's not much you can do for him here.

KATZ

We can go to the tunnel.

MYKROS

No, the guards could be waiting for us.

DOCTOR

Well it was about that time that all hell broke loose, and the Duke boys jumped in the General Lee and got the hell out of town.

(somewhere here) Will you leave those dead bodies alone?

Dead bodies everywhere.

That's a chance you've got to take.
When the Borad finds out what's
happened here, he'll flood the place
with troops.

VENA

Where are you going?

DOCTOR

To find the Borad.

HERBERT

I'll help you.

DOCTOR

No, Herbert. You stay here. Good luck.

MYKROS

Vena, come quickly.

HERBERT FOLLOWS THE DOCTOR ANYWAY.

LOCATION - CAVERN

PERI

Doctor, where are you? Help me! Not
you.

LOCATION - INNER SANCTUM

KATZ

Look at the screen. The Bandrils are
coming even nearer!

VENA

There's no point in going to the tunnels
now, Mykros. We might as well die
with honour here.

MYKROS

Vena. Vena, try not to be so
pessimistic. We may still have a
chance, if I can just contact them.

LOCATION - CITADEL

*HERBERT IS CARRYING THE TIME SLIP
VIEWING TUBE.*

HERBERT

Tiny dots in space.
Space. It's big. Really big.
That's what SHE said.

Sorry about this, but I was only getting in the way with the others.

DOCTOR

And what makes you think you won't do the same for me?

HERBERT

Look, you won't even notice I'm here, I promise.

DOCTOR

All right. If anything happens to me, you're to find Peri.

HERBERT

Right.

DOCTOR

If she's still alive, she may find a way of getting you home.

HERBERT

Oh no, don't worry about me, Doctor.

DOCTOR

I'm not.

LOCATION - BORAD'S VAULT

THE BORAD WATCHES THE DOCTOR AND HERBERT ON A SCREEN.

BORAD

So, the Doctor has decided finally to come and see me.

TEKKER

Shall I dispose of him?

BORAD

No. He's an old friend.

LOCATION - OUTSIDE THE BORAD'S VAULT

DOCTOR

This looks like it.

HERBERT

Grim sort of place.

Hey, can you get the game on that thing? The Big Game?

DOCTOR

Indeed. And this is as far as you go.

HERBERT

Oh, surely you're not going to deny me the highlight of my visit.

DOCTOR

Come any further and your highlight could be a burial in space, with you playing the central part.

HERBERT

Are you sure I can't be of any help?

DOCTOR

If I'm not out in ten minutes, find Peri.

HERBERT

Right.

DOCTOR

Now, find yourself somewhere to hide. Don't want you picked up by the Guardoliers.

THE DOORS SLIDE OPEN BEHIND THE DOCTOR AND HE ENTERS. THEY SHUT AS HERBERT REALISES WHAT HAS HAPPENED.

HERBERT

Doctor!

HE CLIMBS A LADDER IN THE CORNER.

LOCATION - BORAD'S VAULT

IT APPEARS TO BE EMPTY. THE DOCTOR LOOKS AROUND, AND SNIFFS THE CONTENT OF A GAS CANISTER IN THE CORNER. THE SAME TYPE AS PERI IS CURRENTLY WEARING. TEKKER APPROACHES, HOLDING A GUN.

DOCTOR

My dear Tekker. Still lurking in other people's shadows. How very typical.

WE SEE THE BACK OF THE BORAD'S CHAIR

Look behind you!

That's a convincing control panel.

NOW.

TEKKER

Welcome, Doctor.

DOCTOR

That smell. That bittersweet sickly
aroma.

TEKKER

Of Morlox.

DOCTOR

Yes, of course. The creatures of the
tunnels. I remember now from my last
visit. So, your leader is now a Morlox?

TEKKER

No.

DOCTOR

Glad to hear it. From what I remember,
the Morlox are not over-endowed with
intelligence.

TEKKER

Ah, well, that can hardly be said of our
beloved leader, the Borad of Karfel.
The most luminous force in this part of
the galaxy.

DOCTOR

Really. Not been very bright so far.

*THE BORAD TURNS HIS CHAIR, AND WE
FINALLY SEE HIS FACE. HALF HUMAN, HALF
MORLOX.*

BORAD

Neither have you, Doctor.

DOCTOR

I'm afraid you could be right.

*HERBERT IS OBSERVING THIS SCENE
THROUGH A WINDOW IN THE
INFRASTRUCTURE.*

DOCTOR

And you said your leader wasn't a

We're at a convention. 'nuff said.

Heheh. Over-endowed.

Morlox?

BORAD

I would guard your tongue, Time Lord.

DOCTOR

What I don't understand is how the people of Karfel have accepted you.

BORAD

My other self.

THE IMAGE OF THE NICE OLD MAN COMES ONTO THE SCREEN.

DOCTOR

How'd you do?

BORAD 1

How do you do?

DOCTOR

What happened? I don't believe anyone looks like you by design.

BORAD 1

An agreeable mistake.

DOCTOR

Don't tell me, with Mustakozene Eighty. I noticed the canister hanging on the wall.

BORAD

Precisely. I was once like you, weak of limb and small of mind.

BORAD 1

Now I have the strength and intelligence of many.

DOCTOR

But hardly the looks to match.

BORAD

Come closer. Now look at me carefully, Doctor. We have met before. Think back of a scientist you once befriended. Later, you reported that scientist to the Inner Sanctum for

I ... am not an animal. I am ... not a human being either.

unethical experimentation on the Morlox creatures.

DOCTOR

Megelen?

BORAD

The very same.

DOCTOR

Your experiments obviously succeeded. Was it worth it?

LOCATION - INNER SANCTUM

MYKROS

This is Karfel to Bandril Ambassador. Karfel to Bandril Ambassador. Please respond. It's no good, they're not answering. This is Karfel to Bandril Ambassador. Please respond.

LOCATION - BORAD'S VAULT

A MORLOX IS SNIFFING AROUND PERI WHILE SHE SCREAMS.

BORAD

Do not make me laugh, Doctor.

DOCTOR

I wouldn't dare. Not when you've got such big teeth. What exactly did happen?

BORAD

During an experiment on a Morlox creature, I was inadvertently sprayed by a canister of Mustakozene Eighty. The smell of the chemical excited the creature I was experimenting upon, and it broke away from its tether.

DOCTOR

It must have made a terrible mess of you.

BORAD

It would appear so.

Guess you shouldn't have done that, then.

Well, I can breathe underwater, I bet *you* can't!

Mustakozene now being served at Lobbycon.

You can't SEE?

DOCTOR

And then the M80 caused a spontaneous tissue amalgamation resulting in a combined mutant.

BORAD 1

Half Karfelon, half Morlox, but with increased longevity and massive intellectual growth.

BORAD

A glorious transformation.

DOCTOR

So you keep saying. I don't agree with you.

TEKKER

Show respect for the Borad.

DOCTOR

Do shut up and go away. There was no glorious transformation. You may have power, but you daren't even show your real face.

BORAD

Not for much longer. Soon the Bandrils will have destroyed all mammalian life on this planet, and then I shall destroy the Bandril ship.

DOCTOR

To become ruler of a barren planet?

BORAD

No, Doctor. To populate the planet with others such as myself.

TEKKER

No.

DOCTOR

It appears you have a lackey with a conscience.

TEKKER

You will not destroy my people. I am the Maylin now. I will not let you.

Really?

Yeah, that makes a lot of sense.

Isn't he half-mammal? He's like Manimal.

Borad! Have you betrayed us? Have you betrayed... me?!

BORAD

Idiot.

AND ZAPS TEKKER WITH HIS DEATH RAY.

DOCTOR

Time acceleration beam. I don't know whether to be impressed or disgusted.

BORAD 1

Time Lords to not have a monopoly over the fourth dimension, Doctor.

DOCTOR

Perhaps not. What I don't understand is how you intend to populate this planet with little Borads when you don't even have a mate.

BORAD

That is under control.

DOCTOR

Oh, don't tell me you've got a fat female Morlox with a slinky walk.

BORAD

Not yet. But when I do, her name will be Peri.

DOCTOR

Explain.

THE IMAGE ON THE SCREEN CHANGES TO EVENTS IN THE CAVERN.

BORAD

The creature will attempt to kill her. When it tries to do so, the canister of Mustakozene will burst apart and then she will become as I am.

DOCTOR

Oh, very scientific. I mean, you have a really controlled experiment there. What happens if the Morlox kills Peri before amalgamation takes place?

BORAD

Peri will not die. The Mustakozene not

MAYLIN Tekker.

The Master could use one of those.

Wow, what a coincidence! I knew someone named Peri once!

I think we're about done trying to figure this one out.

only excites the creature, but will in turn destroy it.

DOCTOR

This is lunacy. What do you hope to gain by creating another miserable mutation like your pathetic self?

BORAD

Choose your next words carefully, Doctor. They could be your last.

DOCTOR

Really. We shall see.

THE DOCTOR ACTIVATES HIS TIME SLIP DEVICE. HERBERT RAISES THE TIME TELESCOPE TO WATCH.

DOCTOR

I think it's time to find your Achilles heel, or should I say flipper?

BORAD

No, Doctor. It's time you grew old, and your ability to regenerate will be of no assistance to you.

THE BORADS RED DEATH RAY GOES THROUGH THE IMAGE OF THE DOCTOR. HERBERT WATCHES HIM AT A CONTROL PANEL.

BORAD

So, the Time Lord wishes to play games.

HERBERT

Careful, Doctor.

DOCTOR

Where's the control to free Peri?

BORAD

See if you can find it before you die.

THE DOCTOR'S DOUBLE GOES TO THE CONTROL PANEL.

BORAD

Aww, I *like* the Borad's flipper.

I'd rather be watching an episode of Flipper.

Goodbye, Doctor.

*THE BORAD FIRES AT THE DOUBLE AGAIN.
THE DOCTOR REAPPEARS.*

DOCTOR

Hello, Borad. I wouldn't fire if I were you. If you do, it will be a grave mistake.

BORAD

Your attempted witticisms are beginning to become tedious, Doctor.

DOCTOR

I really wouldn't fire. If you do, this crystal will absorb the energy and beam it straight back at you.

BORAD

You're lying.

*THE RED BEAM IS SUCKED IN BY THE
KONTRON CRYSTAL.*

DOCTOR

I did warn you.

BORAD

Another expedition into the realms of duplicity?

DOCTOR

Six, five, four, three, two, one.

BORAD

No! You've tricked me!

DOCTOR

You tricked yourself.

*THE TIME DELAYED RED DEATH RAY HITS
THE BORAD, WHO AGES AND DIES WITH A
SCREAM. HERBERT SHUTS HIS EYES.*

DOCTOR

Herbert?

HERBERT

Who is it?

He's such a calm, soothing megalomaniac.

Baker, Davison, Baker, Pertwee, Troughton,
Hartnell.

He closed his eyes, so his murder is okay.

DOCTOR

It's me, the Doctor.

HERBERT

Doctor, up here.

DOCTOR

Herbert, you must go to Peri.

HERBERT

Where is she?

DOCTOR

In the tunnels. The passage you're in should lead straight there.

HERBERT

Right.

DOCTOR

Hurry! I'll try and find the release mechanism.

HERBERT

As you say, Doctor.

HERBERT RUSHES AWAY AS THE BANDRIL FLEET COMES EVER CLOSER.

DOCTOR

Must be here somewhere.

HE FINALLY TRIES THE CONTROL PAD ON THE BORAD'S CHAIR. ON THE SCREEN, PERI'S COLLAR UNDOES AND SHE FLEES, FOLLOWED BY THE MORLOX.

DOCTOR

Oh, no.

THE SCREEN IMAGE CHANGES TO A BANDRIL SPACESHIP FIRING A MISSILE. THE DOCTOR MUTTERS SOMETHING, POSSIBLY A LATIN EPIGRAM.

DOCTOR

Pelium mons mossa.

LOCATION - CAVERN

Hey, don't point that thing at me. Look, the Oort cloud! It's coming right for us!

Oo-er!

PERI IS PINNED AGAINST THE WALL BY THE MORLOX.

PERI

Help!

HERBERT ARRIVES AND SNATCHES DOWN A BURNING TORCH. HE WAVES IT AT THE MORLOX THEN DRAGS PERI BEHIND HIM, BEFORE PUTTING IT ON THE GROUND.

HERBERT

Quickly!

LOCATION - CITADEL

HERBERT AND PERI STOP FOR HERBERT TO TRY AND GET THE GAS CANISTER OFF PERI. THE DOCTOR WALKS UP.

PERI

Oh, Doctor, am I pleased to see you.

DOCTOR

The feeling is entirely mutual. Now, come on. We've got to get back to the Inner Sanctum quickly.

PERI

But can't we get out of here?

HERBERT SUCCEEDS IN UNDOING THE HARNESS.

DOCTOR

We've got a war to stop first.

LOCATION - INNER SANCTUM

THE DEADLY MISSILE IS ON THE WALL SCREEN.

VENA

Why didn't they listen?

MYKROS

It's no good. We've done everything we can. We must take cover in the tunnels.

Why does she never move?

Still not moving.

That's pretty menacing.

DOCTOR

What's happening?

VENA

Too late. The Bandrils have fired their missile.

THE DOCTOR USES THE COMMUNICATIONS PANEL.

DOCTOR

This is the Doctor. I say again, this is the Doctor. Please connect me with the Ambassador.

VENA

They don't reply.

DOCTOR

You must respond. I am a Time Lord. I am, in fact, President of the High Council of Gallifrey. Destroy me, you'll have more than a petty war on your hands. Ah, there you are.

BANDRIL

Can you prove that you are a Time Lord?

DOCTOR

There's no time for that now. You must call off your attack. Karfel has been in the hands of a dictator. That dictator has now been overthrown. You must destroy your missile.

THE BANDRIL SPEAKS TO SOMEONE OFF-SCREEN.

PERI

How close is the missile?

DOCTOR

Too close.

BANDRIL

We accept what you say, and require only sight of the Borad as proof of your goodwill.

Oh, is that what they're calling it these days?

...of Death.

I have had it with these motherfucking snakes on this motherfucking planet!

DOCTOR

Well, that might prove a trifle difficult.

BANDRIL

Then there is little we can do.

TRANSMISSION ENDS.

DOCTOR

Ambassador!

PERI

Oh, terrific.

DOCTOR

Wait here.

PERI

Where are you going?

LOCATION - TARDIS

PERI GETS INSIDE JUST AS THE DOORS ARE CLOSING.

PERI

Doctor!

DOCTOR

I told you to wait with the others.

HE OPENS THE DOORS AGAIN.

PERI

Well, I'd rather stay with you.

DOCTOR

It isn't practical.

PERI

What does that mean?

DOCTOR

Practical? Advantageous, useful, productive, efficacious, effective.

PERI

Sure, desirable. What are you going to do?

Hey, it's pointing in the other direction now!
It goes BOTH ways.

On which side do YOU dress?

DOCTOR

Try and stop that missile.

PERI

Sounds dangerous.

DOCTOR

The only dangerous thing about it is having you on board to distract me. Oh!

THE DOCTOR HITS THE CONSOLE THEN GETS UNDERNEATH IT. HERBERT SNEAKS IN AND HIDES UNDER THE CONSOLE ON THE OPPOSITE SIDE. THE DOCTOR STANDS UP AGAIN.

DOCTOR

Are you still here?

PERI

Yes! Look, I'll keep out of your way.

DOCTOR

You don't know how.

PERI

I'm coming with you.

DOCTOR

Peri, every second we waste now brings Karfel into even greater danger.

PERI

Well then, let's go!

DOCTOR

That's what I want to do, but alone. Now go back to Vena and the others, Peri. Please?

PERI

I can't. I don't trust you. You're being too reasonable.

DOCTOR

Then I shall be unreasonable. Get out! Why will you never cooperate?

THE DOCTOR LIFTS PERI OFF HER FEET

You know, watching this episode is like watching a really bad episode.

...danger...danger...danger.

AND CARRIES HER TO THE DOOR.

PERI

Because I worry. It's my caring nature.

DOCTOR

Peri, I shall be gone for but a minute.
Now, if you want to fuss over someone,
may I suggest that Herbert would make
a much more eager recipient.

PERI

What if something happens to you?
We'd be stuck here.

DOCTOR

If I don't go now, there won't be
anywhere for you to be stuck to. The
planet will be destroyed. Now, will you
go, please?

PERI

Well, take care of yourself.

*PERI LEAVES. THE DOCTOR CLOSSES THE
DOOR THEN SETS THE TARDIS IN MOTION.*

DOCTOR

At last.

HERBERT STANDS UP.

HERBERT

Hello.

DOCTOR

Hello. What are you doing here?

HERBERT

I've come to help. At least I can
experience the adventure.

DOCTOR

I presume you heard what I said to Peri.

HERBERT

Oh, but she's a girl. This is work for
men.

DOCTOR

That was pretty close to hanky panky.

Well, *definitely* sexual harassment.

Men? Men!

HERBERT

Men.

DOCTOR

Look, what I'm about to do is very dangerous. There's nothing particularly masculine about throwing your life away.

HERBERT

That's not what you said to Peri.

DOCTOR

I lied. And as I did it so badly, I'd have assumed even you would have realised.

HERBERT

I'm sorry. I simply didn't realise. I thought that

DOCTOR

You didn't think at all. That's half your problem. A characteristic you share with most of the people on your irritating planet.

HERBERT

Well, you could always take me back to Karfel if you really think it's going to be dangerous.

THE DOCTOR CHECKS HIS POCKET WATCH.

DOCTOR

There isn't time.

HERBERT

May I dispute that? Well, after all, what is time to a time machine?

DOCTOR

A very great deal. Should there be another day, I will explain to you in great detail which of the many time laws I am not allowed to transgress.

HERBERT

But who would know?

(chant like Spam) Men men men men men...

(lied) Rule number one, again.

Go put on a belt.

DOCTOR

I would. So would every other Time Lord from here to Gallifrey, and I can assure you, they're not all as pleasant and agreeable as I am.

HERBERT

Sorry. I'd hate to think of you having my demise on your conscience.

DOCTOR

To be perfectly frank, Herbert, when I go, thoughts of you will be very low on my list of regrets.

HERBERT

That's good. It means we can stand together, shoulder to shoulder, in the face of the enemy. I've always wanted to die a hero's death. You know, it's funny. When I was at school, everyone used to think I was a coward because I didn't like cricket. If only they could see me now.

DOCTOR

Shut up!

HERBERT

Sorry? Oh yes, of course, you want to concentrate. Sorry.

DOCTOR

Listen, Herbert, if you want to do something useful while waiting to enter Valhalla, could you read off the numbers on that screen you see immediately in front of you?

HERBERT

Of course. This one?

DOCTOR

How many screens do you see immediately in front of you?

HERBERT

Just the one.

Ehh, they'll all be dead soon.

He's not Frank Herbert, he's th...the other one.

I don't know what a screen is, I'm from the past.

DOCTOR

That's the one.

HERBERT

Two, nine, seven, three.

DOCTOR

Good.

HERBERT

Six, seven, seven.

DOCTOR

Better.

HERBERT

Eight, nine.

DOCTOR

Best!

HERBERT

Well, how will you stop the missile?

DOCTOR

I have set up the Tardis to act as a deflector shield.

HERBERT

Oh, I see. You intend us to collide with the missile before it impacts with the planet.

DOCTOR

That's right. Should make quite a big bang.

HERBERT

Oh, I see.

DOCTOR

I do wish you'd stop saying, oh, I see.

HERBERT

Sorry. I just feel a wee bit nervous. I didn't realise dying heroically was such a strain on the nerves.

DOCTOR

Oh well, shouldn't be for too long.

Troughton, Eccleston, McCoy, Pertwee.

You, McCoy, McCoy.

McGann, Eccleston.

Yup. No offense.

Theory.

You might want to have a little lie down.

HERBERT

Oh, I see. Sorry. Well, I suppose if it saves millions of lives, it's worth sacrificing two. Isn't it, Doctor?

THE DOCTOR TURNS ON THE SCANNER TO SEE THE MISSILE HEADING STRAIGHT FOR THEM.

DOCTOR

Thirty seconds to impact.

HERBERT

I assume this is the only way.

DOCTOR

Well, if you have any other suggestions, I'd be very interested to hear them.

HERBERT

Well, couldn't we abandon ship before impact?

DOCTOR

No lifeboats.

HERBERT

That's a bit remiss. I'd have a word with the manufacturers, if. Sorry.

DOCTOR

Impact fifteen seconds.

HERBERT

Well, goodbye, Doctor. No hard feelings, I hope.

HERBERT HOLDS OUT HIS HAND. THE DOCTOR LOOKS AT IT THEN GIVES IT A QUICK SHAKE.

DOCTOR

No.

HERBERT

I feel a bit frightened now. Couldn't we postpone impact just for a minute?

I prefer Thirty Seconds to Mars.

God, *I* don't.

DOCTOR

Impact five seconds.

HERBERT

No, I suppose not.

THE MISSILE DETONATES IN A BIG PINK GLOW.

LOCATION - INNER SANCTUM

IT IS VISIBLE ON THE WALL SCREEN.

PERI

The missile's exploded in the stratosphere!

VENA

So it has.

MYKROS

It's unbelievable. They must have had a change of heart.

KATZ RUNS IN.

MYKROS

We're going to be all right.

KATZ

We've won!

BANDRIL

Let me speak with the Maylin.

MYKROS

You are speaking to the new Maylin, Ambassador. Please go ahead.

BANDRIL

The Doctor has done a brave but foolish thing. The missile has been destroyed, but so has his Tardis.

PERI

Doctor.

BANDRIL

We shall make our apologies to the High Council on Gallifrey.

Davison seconds.

Gay agenda bomb.

Hey, how did they get a camera in space pointed at their planet?

Maybe they get the Bandril Channel.

The cable guy hooked them up.

Even though I don't have the cape of office.

I'm obviously Maylin because I'm the only GUY here.

Furthermore, in honour of the Doctor's unselfish act, and as a token of our goodwill, may I suggest we send down a diplomatic party?

MYKROS

Yes, of course, Ambassador. I look forward to receiving you.

...in the butt.

TRANSMISSION ENDS.

PERI

Oh, Doctor.

MYKROS

I'm very sorry, Peri.

PERI

Yes, I, I just want to be alone for a little while.

VENA

Of course you do.

KATZ

Are you all right?

VENA

I don't know. I don't know whether any of us will ever be the same again. It's been a terrible day.

KATZ

It's a new beginning.

VENA

Not for the Doctor or Herbert. How's Sezon?

KATZ

Feeling very sorry for himself.

PERI SCREAMS. SOMETHING HAS GOT ITS FLIPPER ROUND HER THROAT.

VENA

Oh, Mykros! What is it?

MYKROS

Give me your weapon. Give me your

weapon!

BORAD

That will be of little use, Mykros.

MYKROS

Who are you? What are you?

BORAD

I am the Borad.

MYKROS

Never!

BORAD

I am the Borad, and you will do as I command if you value your friend's life.

MYKROS

What do you want?

BORAD

Capture the Bandril ship.

PERI

Don't listen to him.

BORAD

If you refuse, she dies.

MYKROS

One life cannot be bought at the cost of a whole planet.

BORAD

Then I shall kill her.

DOCTOR

That's not a very good idea.

MYKROS

Doctor!

DOCTOR

Besides, it's not a very nice way to treat a lady.

VENA

Doctor, we all thought you were dead.

Whew! Good! She's not our friend, actually, we don't really know her.

Even though you want to make babies with her?

Or Peri.

DOCTOR

As I thought the Borad was. So why aren't you?

BORAD

I must have forgotten to mention the other experiment I have been engaged in.

DOCTOR

Ah? Not like you to pass up the opportunity to boast. What is it?

BORAD

The reproduction of living matter, cell by cell.

DOCTOR

Oh, cloning. Oh, you are a clever clogs. And how very astute of you not to risk your own rotten neck. Speaking of which, shouldn't you release your grip on Peri's? By the way, Peri, did you know he wants you for his bride?

PERI

He certainly has an original way of proposing.

DOCTOR

I'll make a deal with you, Borad. Show yourself to Peri. If she doesn't scream, the wedding can take place.

MYKROS

Doctor.

BORAD

What is this foolishness?

DOCTOR

I don't think you've got the nerve.

PERI

That's right.

BORAD

The woman will accept me once she is as I am.

Apparently you did.
Well, you know. Spoilers!

And if the episode was running even shorter, he'd have TWO clones.

DOCTOR

Make up your mind. Do you want her dead or as your bride? If the latter, then show yourself to her.

BORAD

No.

PERI

Don't I have a say in all this?

DOCTOR

Of course not. Be quiet. Why won't you?

BORAD

I shall when I am ready.

DOCTOR

As I thought. You're afraid.

BORAD

Of what?

DOCTOR

Rejection. You can alter Peri's outward appearance, but you can't change the brain in her head. Whatever you do, she will always find you repulsive.

THE BORAD TIGHTENS HIS GRIP ON PERI.

BORAD

Then I shall put out both her eyes.

PERI

Come on, you guys.

DOCTOR

That's hardly an elegant solution, and the way you've been carrying on, you're not going to win her over with your charm.

BORAD

Stay back.

DOCTOR

You really are afraid.

(bride) How about dead bride? Win-win!

(as Peri) Hmm... well, he DOES have a nice speaking voice...

BORAD

My last warning, Doctor.

DOCTOR

The possibility of perfect companionship shattered because of your grotesque, ugly, excuse for a body.

BORAD

Yet I have the power to kill you both.

DOCTOR

I don't think so.

THE DOCTOR GOES OVER TO THE HALF REVEALED PORTRAIT OF HIS EARLIER SELF.

DOCTOR

You obviously haven't read the writing on the wall. Now, this'll be an improvement.

THE DOCTOR USES A CHAIR TO SMASH THROUGH THE PAINTING TO REVEAL A LARGE MIRROR. PERI SEES WHAT IS HOLDING HER, AND SCREAMS.

DOCTOR

I told you she'd scream.

THE BORAD RELEASES PERI AND KATZ RUNS TO HER. THE BORAD BACKS AWAY ONTO THE RAMP TO THE TIMELASH, TRYING TO SHIELD HIS EYES FROM HIS OWN REFLECTION.

BORAD

Destroy it! Smash the mirror!

DOCTOR

What, no power to do it yourself?

THE DOCTOR SIDLES TO THE TIMELASH CONTROL BOX AND PRESSES BUTTONS.

DOCTOR

You're nothing, Borad. Just a self-degenerating mutation. You're finished,

He doesn't like his third incarnation, either.

Borad. Your reign of terror's over.
Nobody wants you. Nobody needs you.
Nobody cares!

*THE DOCTOR ELBOWS THE BORAD INTO
THE TIMELASH.*

PERI

But haven't you sent him back to
Earth?

DOCTOR

Yes, to the twelfth century. (to Herbert
Where exactly did we pick you up?

HERBERT

The Highlands of Scotland. Not far
from Inverness.

DOCTOR

Ah. Thought I recognised the
landscape. He'll be harmless enough
there. At least he'll have somewhere to
swim for the next thousand years.

PERI

But won't he be seen?

DOCTOR

From time to time. Right, take cover,
everyone.

*THE DOCTOR TAKES OFF HIS TIME SLIP
DEVICE AND THROWS IT INTO THE
TIMELASH. EVERYONE GETS DOWN BEHIND
THE COUNCIL CHAIRS. THERE IS A BANG,
THEN SMOKE AND DEBRIS COMES OUT OF
THE TIMELASH. IT GOES DARK AND ITS
CONTROL PANEL EXPLODES. THEY COME
OUT OF HIDING.*

PERI

Okay, Doctor. Fill us in.

DOCTOR

Fill you in?

PERI

Why weren't you blown up?

So...the Doctor throws him into the Timelash
because *he's not good looking?*

I wonder what planet Vena is on right now.

DOCTOR

Ah, I'll explain one day. It's a neat trick.

PERI

Oh, Doctor.

DOCTOR

Come on, Herbert. Say your goodbyes. Time we got you home.

HERBERT

Well, if Vena and Mykros don't mind, I would like to stay.

VENA

He would be most welcome.

MYKROS

Indeed.

HERBERT

I say, thank you.

PERI

Are you going to let him stay?

DOCTOR

Oh, I don't think so. I rather think he'll take my advice and return to 1885. He'll tell the world, knowing Herbert.

PERI

But who'd believe him?

DOCTOR

Not for me to say. The waves of time wash us all clean.

PERI

Doctor, you're talking in riddles again.

THE DOCTOR TAKES A CALLING CARD OUT OF HIS POCKET.

DOCTOR

Herbert dropped this.

IT SAYS HERBERT GEORGE WELLS.

Well, it was about that time the old Duke boys...

Shut up. It's almost over.

Are those the waves the Borad's gonna be swimming in?

PERI

Never. Oh, I don't believe it!

DOCTOR

I think he'll return to Earth, don't you?
After all, he does have an interesting
story to tell. Herbert. Herbert!

I don't think you're gonna give him a choice.

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