

DOCTOR WHO 4

Dreamland

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EXT. SPACE -- NIGHT

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A spacecraft, a classic FLYING SAUCER, hurtles across space.

A beat later - it's being pursued by two smaller SPACE CRAFT: They're firing missiles at it.

The flying saucer takes evasive action, the missiles exploding either side as the flying saucer swings away - but the pursuing spacecraft continue, hot on its tail.

They fire again.

This time the flying saucer is hit - it begins to lose control...

EARTH. Beautiful, blue green.

The flying saucer begins to fall towards Earth, clearly badly damaged.

The pursuing craft fire one more salvo - more damage - and swing away back into space, as the damaged flying saucer careers out of control towards Earth.

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EXT. EARTH, UPPER ATMOSPHERE -- DAY

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THE DOCTOR (CONT'D)

I'm the Doctor, by the way.

Cassie shakes his hand.

CASSIE

I'm Cassie. This is Jimmy
Stalkingwolf.

As something catches the Doctor's eye - a piece of
strange metal covered in weird hieroglyphs displayed in a
glass case.

THE DOCTOR

Where did you get that?

As he examines.

Cassie is dishing the chilli.

CASSIE

Supposed to be from the saucer crash
five years back. You know, like that
Roswell thing over in New Mexico. My
Mom - she used to run this place -
thought it would bring in the tourists.
Like they don't know a piece of junk
when they see it.

The Doctor takes the metal from the case and runs the
sonic screwdriver along it - the metal glows.

And every light bulb in the diner explodes. With yells,
Cassie and Jimmy dive for cover.

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THE DOCTOR

Oh. Sorry.

JIMMY

What did you just do, man?

The Doctor holds the glowing metal.

THE DOCTOR

I'm afraid this isn't quite a piece of
junk.

6 **EXT. DRY SPRINGS. DINER -- DAY**

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A big black car draws to a stop outside the diner. Four
MEN inside, all of them dressed in black suits, white
shirts, black ties. Each one in dark glasses. Each one
has deathly-white skin and black hair apart from the man
in the front passenger seat who is ash blond, MR DREAD.

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He has a flashing tracking gadget in his hand.

MR DREAD

It has been activated.

He turns and looks at the diner.

7 INT. DINER -- DAY

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CASSIE now holds the metal, curious as THE DOCTOR regards. JIMMY is close by.

CASSIE

Are you saying this thing really did come from a flying saucer?

THE DOCTOR

Well, a flying saucer - maybe... they were quite fashionable in the fifties. Bit like bobby socks and hair cream.

JIMMY

I told you! I told you there was something going on round here.

THE DOCTOR

What do you mean?

CASSIE

Jimmy works out on the Broken K Ranch. Says there's a space monster eating the cattle. I told him it's a cougar.

JIMMY

No cougar did what I saw. Or left those tracks.

And in the doorway - MR DREAD. Standing silent, watching, menacing. The Doctor notices him first.

THE DOCTOR

Oh. Oh, hullo.

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Dread takes a step forward, extends his hand towards Cassie.

MR DREAD

I'll take the ionic fusion bar.

CASSIE

The come-again?

THE DOCTOR

He means your piece of junk.

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Dread closes, menacing.

CASSIE

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EXT. RANCLAND PLAINS -- DAY

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Jimmy's pick-up is parked. We're on the range. Scrubland, but beautiful. Cattle grazing. THE DOCTOR, JIMMY and CASSIE are a way off from the pick-up. The Doctor is crouched, looking at a track in the dirt. Something big, alien.

JIMMY

What kind of cougar makes a track like that?

DOCTOR

No cougar. No animal. This was something big, very big. Something powerful. Something that isn't from around here. Not even close.

A shadow falls over them. A big shadow.

They turn.

Looming over them - a ten foot tall insectoid monster. The VIPEROX BATTLE DRONE, its jaws salivating, scimitar like claws snapping.

The Doctor turns and sees -

THE DOCTOR

Ah! Viperox battle drone! Hello!

Cassie screams.

THE DOCTOR (CONT'D)

Try not to do that. Apart from being one of the most vicious killers in the cosmos, the Viperox have very sensitive ears.

Cassie doesn't stop screaming. Jimmy clamps a hand over her mouth.

THE DOCTOR (CONT'D)

Thank you. Not a good idea to aggravate him.

As the Doctor leads Jimmy and Cassie in slowly backing off.

JIMMY

Doesn't look aggravated to me, Doc. He looks hungry.

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THE DOCTOR

Doctor, not Doc. And if he was hungry
he'd be picking bits of cowboy boots and
bobby-socks off his mandibles by now.

CASSIE

So if it ain't going to eat us, what's
it going to do?

THE DOCTOR

It's a Viperox Battle Drone. What it
doesn't use for food, it uses for target
practice.

An orifice opens in the Viperox's head.

THE DOCTOR (CONT'D)

Look out!

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airstrips, parked up military jets and a massive network of large dark, grey military buildings and gigantic hangars.

THE DOCTOR (O.S.)

Dreamland, the United States' most secret base. It doesn't appear on any map - and the government won't admit it exists until 1994.

JIMMY (O.S.)

(disbelieving)

What did you say?

THE DOCTOR (O.S.)

Err... Ah, never mind.

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13 **INT. ELEVATOR -- DAY**

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THE DOCTOR, JIMMY and CASSIE are escorted into an industrial-looking elevator by two armed SOLDIERS. The heavy steel door closes on them and one of the soldiers hits a button.

A downward arrow lights up. Numbers above the door start to count up.

CASSIE

Where are they taking us?

THE DOCTOR

I don't know. But I don't think Colonel Stark has a penthouse apartment.

14 **INT. HOLDING ROOM -- DAY**

14

THE DOCTOR, JIMMY and CASSIE are standing in a bare concrete-walled room. There's one stone-faced SOLDIER guarding the door.

JIMMY

So what happens now?

CASSIE

Nothing good.

THE DOCTOR

Oh, come on, I thought the fifties was supposed to be a time for optimism. I mean, you think you're going to have flying cars in another ten years.

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CASSIE

Yeah, sure. If the Reds don't nuke us first.

THE DOCTOR

The Reds? Manchester United? Oh! The Russians! The Soviet Union. I wouldn't worry about them. They're as scared of a nuclear war as you are.

The door opens. COLONEL STARK. A big, strong man. Iron grey buzz cut. Square jawed. Scarred.

STARK

I hear you people had some trouble.

THE DOCTOR

Ah. Colonel Stark, I presume. Hello, I'm the Doctor.

Stark takes the Doctor's hand. Shakes it.

THE DOCTOR (CONT'D)

And I think you may have a serious infestation problem.

Stark takes it all in without any show of emotion.

STARK

We have the situation in hand.

CASSIE

So what are you gonna do about it? *

STARK

You don't have to worry, Ma'am

THE DOCTOR

Oh? And why is that?

Stark gives them a smile. It's anything but comforting.

STARK

Because you're going to forget everything you've seen. You're going to forget everything.

As more armed SOLDIERS step into the room.

THE DOCTOR

No Colonel - Colonel, you're making a mistake. *

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STARK

Soldiers! Take them to the lab.
Prepare them for the mind-wipe.

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15 INT. LAB CHAMBER-- DAY

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THE DOCTOR, JIMMY and CASSIE are strapped to tables in some sort of laboratory chamber. It has one metal door with a wheel-lock; no windows. Cassie and Jimmy struggle helplessly against their straps.

CASSIE

What are they going to do to us?

THE DOCTOR

From the look of this chamber, use some sort of amnesia gas.

JIMMY

So we forget everything about that Viperox bug-thing? Maybe that isn't so bad.

THE DOCTOR

Trouble is, no-one really perfects a targeted amnesia drug for another fifty years. The sort of thing Colonel Stark has in his medicine cabinet won't just wipe out the last few hours, you'll forget everything.

CASSIE

They can't do this! We're US citizens.

JIMMY

Yeah, Cassie, and they're the army. They can do whatever they want. They've been doing it ever since the Bear River Massacre.

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As the wheel on the door turns. COLONEL STARK enters.

THE DOCTOR

Colonel. Sorry I can't salute, but I seem to be strapped to a table.

STARK

The gas can have side-effects. The straps are for your own safety.

THE DOCTOR

Very thoughtful.

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The Doctor beams.

THE DOCTOR

I love 1958. No-one's seen Die Hard, or Alien, or Die Hard 2, or Aliens, or Die Hard 3...

JIMMY

Doc - what are you talking about?

16 **INT. VENTILATION SHAFT -- DAY**

16

A tight, claustrophobic ventilation shaft. THE DOCTOR, JIMMY and CASSIE are crawling on their elbows.

THE DOCTOR

There's always a ventilation shaft.

CASSIE

Doctor, are you sure there's a way out of here?

THE DOCTOR

Of course there's a way out. There always is. Apart from in Star Wars, of course.

JIMMY

Hey, Doc. Are you ever going to start making sense.

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JIMMY

Why are we going that way? I mean, who gave you the stripes? You're not even American.

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The Doctor looks at him and shrugs.

THE DOCTOR

Come to that I'm not even human.

As an alarm rings out through the base.

THE DOCTOR (CONT'D)

But someone just noticed we've escaped, so whichever way you're running I'd start now.

And the Doctor runs his way. Cassie and Jimmy don't even think twice - they follow the Doctor.

18 **INT. ANOTHER CORRIDOR -- DAY**

18

SOLDIERS running down the corridor, hunting for the Doctor.

19 **INT. CORRIDOR -- DAY**

19

THE DOCTOR, JIMMY and CASSIE come to a sudden stop. Ahead of them, around the corner - More SOLDIERS heading their way.

CASSIE

What now?

The Doctor's eyes find a big metal door. A treble combination lock on the wall to its side. A big sign: STRICTLY NO ADMITTANCE. AUTHORIZED PERSONNEL ONLY.

THE DOCTOR

That way!

Jimmy and Cassie can see there's no way they're going to get through that door.

JIMMY

There's no way through here!

But the Doctor already has the sonic screwdriver out.

The soldiers are getting closer. We can hear their boots.

The combination dials spins as if by magic.

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The door opens.

THE DOCTOR

Come on!

And the three of them jump through the door. It closes just as the soldiers appear - but they just go straight past.

20 **INT. LABORATORY -- CONTINUOUS**

20

THE DOCTOR. JIMMY and CASSIE find themselves in a large low-lit laboratory.

CASSIE

Did you mean what you said back there?
You're not human?

The Doctor shrugs, taking the lab in...

THE DOCTOR

Well... human, Time Lord... It's all just an accident of dimensional geography when you get down to it.

As the Doctor notices a large metal panel in the wall - and a button.

THE DOCTOR (CONT'D)

I wonder what's behind there.

The Doctor presses the button - the panel slides back - reveals a cell behind plate glass: a simple table, chair and bed - and a small classic GREY ALIEN. The Grey looks at them with large sorrowful black eyes. A creature with a broken spirit.

The Doctor is startled. Jimmy is awe-struck.

THE DOCTOR (CONT'D)

Ahhh...

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JIMMY

Now that is an alien.

The Doctor goes close up to the glass.

THE DOCTOR

The question is, why are they keeping her a prisoner.

As a door at the other end of the lab bursts open. MORE SOLDIERS burst in.

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SOLDIER

Hands in the air or we fire!

The Doctor starts to raise his hands. He still has the sonic in one hand - and part-way up fires it at electronic equipment across the room

The equipment explodes and the soldiers hit the deck, all crying out loudly.

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THE DOCTOR

Quickly! This way!

He jumps on to an open elevator in the corner of the lab. Jimmy and Cassie follow. He fires the sonic at the control box.

As the soldiers recover their feet the lift flies upwards with a burst of enhanced energy.

THE DOCTOR (CONT'D)

Hold on!

21 **INT. ELEVATOR SHAFT -- CONTINUOUS**

21

THE DOCTOR, JIMMY and CASSIE, wind blowing against them as the elevator flies upwards through the subterranean levels.

22 **INT. COLONEL STARK'S OFFICE -- DAY**

22

COLONEL STARK walks into his office. Angry. Slams the door after him. Stops cold as he hears a voice...

LORD AZLOK (O.S.)

You have a problem, Colonel?

Stark freezes. Doesn't turn around.

STARK

Nothing we can't handle.

And we see another VIPEROX - this one smaller, more human, a commander caste - but just as deadly, LORD AZLOK.

LORD AZLOK

I warn you, Colonel - fail me, and your world will pay the price!

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INT. ELEVATOR SHAFT -- DAY

23

THE DOCTOR, JIMMY and CASSIE still on the open elevator, looking upwards to a circle of growing light as they hurtle upwards.

CASSIE

What if there are more soldiers waiting for us up top?

THE DOCTOR

Charm offensive.

JIMMY

What's that mean?

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INT. HANGAR -- DAY

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THE DOCTOR, CASSIE and JIMMY are being led away by armed SOLDIERS. The hangar is gigantic. And at its heart, supported on a metal framework is a classic FLYING SAUCER - much like the one that crashed in Scene 3.

JIMMY

I cannot be seeing that.

CASSIE

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CASSIE

Can you really fly this?

THE DOCTOR

Well, sort of. Stark's scientists have retro-engineered it. Probably based on their prisoner's ship. They got a couple of systems the wrong way round... but we're getting there...

30 **EXT. NEVADA LANDSCAPE -- CONTINUOUS**

30

As the flying saucer pitches towards the ground.

THE DOCTOR, CASSIE and JIMMY cry out.

The saucer sweeps back up into the sky at the last moment.

31 **INT. FLYING SAUCER FLIGHT DECK -- CONTINUOUS**

31

THE DOCTOR is laughing. JIMMY and CASSIE look terrified.

THE DOCTOR

Left is right and up is down. No problem. No problem.

As the whole ship shakes and spins on its axis, upside down and right again. They all scream.

JIMMY

What did you do that time?

THE DOCTOR

Wasn't me.

32 **EXT. NEVADA LANDSCAPE -- CONTINUOUS**

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Jets chasing the flying saucer. Firing.

THE DOCTOR (O.S.)

We've got company! Hang on!

33 **INT. FLYING SAUCER FLIGHT DECK -- CONTINUOUS**

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JIMMY and CASSIE still hanging on to THE DOCTOR's chair.

As red lights starting to flash across the control console.

CASSIE

Those red lights don't look good.

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EXT. SOLITUDE MAIN STREET -- NIGHT

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Solitude is a half-derelict ghost town. THE DOCTOR,
JIMMY and CASSIE are approaching a board with the town's

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There's a noise out back. Jimmy is heading for the back door.

JIMMY

What was that?

The Doctor tries to stop him -

THE DOCTOR

Hang on -

But Jimmy is through the door.

40 **INT. BACK OF SHOP -- CONTINUOUS**

40

JIMMY comes face to face with a VIPEROX BATTLE DRONE rearing out of the hole in the floor. Jimmy cries out as it snatches him. And drags him underground.

THE DOCTOR and CASSIE are just a split-second too late.

THE DOCTOR

Jimmy!!!

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The battle drones part for LORD AZLOK.

LORD AZLOK

Be careful, human. I am Azlok, Lord Knight of the Imperial Viperox War Horde. Consider, who seems in more danger of being crushed under foot?

JIMMY

You're never going to take over Earth! The military will blast you into bug-bits.

Lord Azlok makes a strange sound that could be laughter.

LORD AZLOK

What do you think the Empire of the Viperox could possibly want with this termite ball?

Hidden in the darkness, THE DOCTOR and CASSIE watch...

Lord Azlok's humour snaps off.

LORD AZLOK (CONT'D)

Who is this man you call The Doctor?

The Doctor jumps out; Cassie remains hidden.

THE DOCTOR

Oh, now that would be me.

LORD AZLOK

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JIMMY

Doc, tell me this isn't an egg.

THE DOCTOR

The Viperox never bring an army with them. They land, go underground, and hatch one.

CASSIE

Hatch an army? Then who's laying...

And the Doctor's torch illuminates the VIPEROX QUEEN. She is gigantic. And watching them.

THE DOCTOR

The Viperox Queen.

The Viperox Queen snarls at them, and swipes at them with a claw.

THE DOCTOR (CONT'D)

And I don't think she's amused. I have this effect on royalty. Run!

The Doctor and companions run as more VIPEROX BATTLE DRONES rush in from another entrance, chasing...

44 **INT. MINE PASSAGE -- NIGHT**

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THE DOCTOR, CASSIE and JIMMY come across an old abandoned mine truck -

JIMMY

Must have found our way into an old mine.

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The Doctor's torch lights up the old timbers supporting the roof.

Behind them - the sound of the closing VIPEROX BATTLE DRONES is building.

CASSIE

They're coming!

But the Doctor has a plan...

THE DOCTOR

Get in the truck!

Jimmy and Cassie jump into the truck.

The Doctor aims the sonic at the timbers. Ancient nails fly out of the wood. The mine begins to tremble.

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The Doctor kicks away the chock securing the mine truck.
It starts to roll. The Doctor jumps in.

As the Viperox come into sight...

And the mine roof starts to crack...

CASSIE

The roof's coming in!

But the mine truck builds speed quickly - hurtles along
the old rail track

As the mine collapses behind them in a huge cloud of
dust, cutting off the Viperox.

THE DOCTOR

That should hold them for a while. Now
all we have to do is get off...

As the truck roars along the line...

45 **EXT. NEVADA LANDSCAPE -- MORNING**

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The sun is rising. It's beautiful.

46 **EXT. SOLITUDE MINE -- MORNING**

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The mine entrance is boarded up. The mine truck crashes
through, as THE DOCTOR, JIMMY and CASSIE cry out!

Momentum carries the truck away before it hits a rock,
stopping it hard in a cloud of dust that obscures the
truck.

Dusty and dirty, The Doctor, Jimmy and Cassie emerge from
the dust cloud blinking in the light of the dawn.

To be met by MR DREAD and his MEN.

MR DREAD

Good morning, Doctor.

Jimmy and Cassie see Mr Dread and the Men, and
instinctively back away.

THE DOCTOR

Hello again. I don't think we got
properly introduced back at the diner.
You are...?

MR DREAD

Mister Dread. These are my
associates...

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He indicates the other three men in black.

THE DOCTOR

No, let me guess. Mister Fear, Mister Terror and Mister Apprehension. The Alliance of Shades' mop-up teams never were much good at mingling.

CASSIE

You know these guys?

THE DOCTOR

Sort of. The US government aren't the only people that want to keep a lid on aliens. A lot of planets think you're too primitive.

JIMMY

Primitive? We have nuclear missiles!

THE DOCTOR

Yes. Primitive and aggressive. No offence.

CASSIE

None taken.

THE DOCTOR

Any way, if the Alliance get reports of a spaceship crashing, or some show-off saucer pilot doing loop-the-loops over the White House they send in these guys to dispose of the evidence... and sometimes the eye-witnesses. Only they're not very good.

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JIMMY

Whoah! Am I seeing this?

THE DOCTOR

Didn't I mention? They're robots.

MR DREAD

Give it to me or be incinerated.

And the Doctor puts up his hands, as Mr Dread threatens with the gun.

47 **EXT. SOLITUDE MINE -- MORNING**

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THE DOCTOR, JIMMY and CASSIE are held captive by a circle of DREAD'S MEN. MR DREAD's arm-gun covers them.

THE DOCTOR

Don't you think the Alliance of Shades would be more interested in the thousand Viperox battle drones ready to hatch under our feet than in a piece of space-flight hardware?

MR DREAD

Tell me where the ionic fusion bar is, and we will deal with the Viperox.

THE DOCTOR

What? You couldn't even keep a lid on flying saucers. You know, in 1972 the Alliance pulls the plug on the lot of you. How are you four going to hold back Lord Azlok and his Viperox Hordes?

The Doctor is struck by inspiration...

THE DOCTOR (CONT'D)

Unless...

And Mr Dread suddenly falls forward, lifeless - the Doctor catches him. There's an arrow in the back of his neck - electrical sparks flying.

THE DOCTOR (CONT'D)

What? What?

As Dread's other men fall to the ground, arrows in the back of their necks. More sparks.

THE DOCTOR (CONT'D)

What?

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As four NATIVE AMERICANS step into view. They're dressed in denims and work shirts, but they are clearly Shoshoni. Three of them carry bows. They are led by a big, older, tough man. NIGHT EAGLE

The Doctor is still taking in the fallen robots.

THE DOCTOR (CONT'D)

Oh, I could've found out everything then. Why does that keep happening

NIGHT EAGLE

Five years ago we saw his ship crash.

CASSIE

So the ionic fusion thing came from his ship?

JIMMY

How could you keep this secret?!

NIGHT EAGLE

Others searched for him. Men in black suits. Those who knew swore to tell no-one - not even our blood kin - to keep him safe.

As Rivesh Mantilax wakes. Opens his large black eyes and raises his head. He looks weak and ill. The Doctor goes straight to him.

THE DOCTOR

It's all right. I'm the Doctor.

And takes out his stethoscope.

THE DOCTOR (CONT'D)

I can help you.

RIVESH MANTILAX

I want to go home.

THE DOCTOR

I can take you home.

RIVESH MANTILAX

Not without Saruba Velak.

JIMMY

Who?

CASSIE

(quietly)

The other grey alien back at Dreamland. Keep up, Jimmy!

THE DOCTOR

But she wasn't on your ship, was she? Night Eagle and his men would have saved her, too.

RIVESH MANTILAX

My name is Rivesh Mantilax. Saruba Velak is my wife.

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RIVESH MANTILAX (CONT'D)

But the torture of watching my species
slaughtered was nothing to the loss of
my wife.

55 INT. CAVE CHAMBER -- DAY

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The Doctor regards Stark.

THE DOCTOR

For the first time in nine hundred
years, why does that feel like bad news?

56 EXT. NEVADA DESERT -- DAY

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A convoy of military trucks and jeeps bristling with
armed soldiers rumbles across the desert.

57 INT. BACK OF MILITARY TRUCK -- DAY

57

THE DOCTOR, JIMMY, CASSIE and NIGHT EAGLE are riding in
the back of one of the trucks. TWO ARMED SOLDIERS ride
with them.

CASSIE

I guess they'll try and wipe our
memories again.

THE DOCTOR

You'd think Stark could be more
forgiving, as accidentally leading him
to Rivesh Mantilax has somehow saved the
world. Apparently.

NIGHT EAGLE

Men like Stark don't save worlds. All
they know is destruction.

THE DOCTOR

That's what worries me.

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STARK

I see you've met my ally, Lord Azlok.

THE DOCTOR

Colonel, the Viperox savage and decimate every world they encounter. They don't have allies. They kill everything.

LORD AZLOK

But we have a common interest.

Stark presses a button - a monitor screen comes alive: on it, RIVESH MANTILAX in a wheelchair in the laboratory (the lab from Scene 20).

THE DOCTOR

Rivesh Mantilax?

As they watch the wall opens on TV to reveal SARUBA VELAK.

59 **INT. LABORATORY -- CONTINUOUS**

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RIVESH MANTILAX, his heart breaking with joy, sees SARUBA VELAK. They close on each other - but are separated by the glass wall.

LORD AZLOK (V.O.)

Did he tell you who he was, Doctor?

60 **INT. OPERATIONS ROOM -- CONTINUOUS**

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All as they were. THE DOCTOR looks at LORD AZLOK and COLONEL STARK.

STARK

He's a scientist. A specialist in genetic warfare. Do you know what that is?

THE DOCTOR

(grimly)

Yes. Not pleasant.

LORD AZLOK

Rivesh Mantilax had developed a weapon

MR DREAD

I retrieved the ionic fusion bar.

THE DOCTOR

Except it's not an ionic fusion bar, is it? I'd worked that much out. Why would the Alliance of Shades be more interested in ignition systems than a Viperox Horde?

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CASSIE

Because it's really a weapon?

THE DOCTOR

Cleverly disguised. Fooled even me. And a weapon that could kill billions throughout the universe.

The Doctor turns on Colonel Stark.

THE DOCTOR (CONT'D)

And now you expect Rivesh Mantilax to re-program it to wipe out the whole of Russia?

LORD AZLOK

It is the only way to make my kind safe. And he will do it. He has searched too long for his wife to watch her served to me for dinner.

And the Doctor sees his chance...

THE DOCTOR

Only if you still have the weapon!

And the Doctor leaps forward, drawing the sonic screwdriver and firing it at Mr Dread - who sparks and collapses to the ground, broken - as the Doctor snatches the fusion bar and launches himself through the door.

STARK

Doctor! Stop, or I'll fire!

As he pulls his gun. But the Doctor is gone.

THE DOCTOR is running for all he's worth, the ionic fusion bar in his hand. STARK chases.

He fires as the Doctor dives around a corner.

62 **EXT. BUILDING'S ROOF -- DAY**

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Stark stares down the barrel of his gun at the Doctor.

THE DOCTOR (CONT'D)

Who are you going to be, Colonel? The man that saves the world, or the one who destroys it? *

Stark slowly lowers the gun. Takes a walkie-talkie from his belt. *

STARK

(into the walkie-talkie)

This is Colonel Stark. Pull back. *

The choppers instantly pull away.

THE DOCTOR

You're doing the right thing.

Stark, turns and strides across the roof, speaking into his walkie-talkie again. The Doctor follows.

STARK

Soldiers, put Lord Azlok under arrest. *

SOLDIER (O.S.)

(walkie-talkie)

He's gone, sir.

THE DOCTOR

Ah - two problems with the Viperox, Colonel. You can't trust them, and they have very good hearing *

And the door ahead of Stark and the Doctor crashes open. LORD AZLOK. Stark pulls his gun, aims at Lord Azlok.

STARK

Consider yourself a prisoner of the United States Army.

LORD AZLOK

We have laid waste entire galaxies. The United States and Earth itself will be as dust beneath our feet.

THE DOCTOR

Not if I can help it. Take my advice, and go home. While you still can.

Lord Azlok laughs.

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LORD AZLOK
Because you have the genetic weapon?
Without Rivesh Mantilax it is useless.

And huge wings burst from the carapace on Lord Azlok's back. He takes to the sky.

LORD AZLOK (CONT'D)
Now we shall tear your world to shreds.

The Doctor runs through the shattered door as Colonel Stark fires hopelessly at Lord Azlok.

64 **INT. LABORATORY -- DAY**

64

RIVESH MANTILAX lies, apparently dead, in tearful CASSIE's arms as THE DOCTOR enters. JIMMY and NIGHT EAGLE stand watching.

CASSIE
Azlok took out the guards when you escaped. He attacked him before we could do anything.

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The Doctor examines Rivesh Mantilax.

THE DOCTOR
And there's nothing I can do.

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SARUBA VELAK, distressed, pounds on the glass wall. The Doctor pulls out the sonic...

THE DOCTOR (CONT'D)
(to Saruba Velak)
Stand back.

He fires the sonic. The glass wall shatters.

Saruba Velak rushes to the side of her dying husband. Takes him in her arms.

SARUBA VELAK
My husband!

She takes his head in her hand, closes her eyes...

COLONEL STARK is at the Doctor's shoulder.

STARK
Can we activate the weapon without him?

The Doctor looks at the ionic fusion bar.

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THE DOCTOR

You're all heart, aren't you, Colonel?
No. It's attuned to his DNA. That's
why Lord Azlok needed him to re-program
it. Or - better still - needed him
dead.

SARUBA VELAK

He is not yet passed. I can save him.
I need to get to the remains of my ship.

Stark looks at her, grim.

STARK

The wreckage is stored in The Vault.
It's impossible.

THE DOCTOR

You'd better have a good reason why. *

STARK

Operation Fallen Angel was set up to
examine, classify and detain all alien
life that crashes on Earth. Something
got loose in there.

65 **INT. VIPEROX HIVE. QUEEN'S CHAMBER -- DAY**

65

LORD AZLOK stands before THE QUEEN.

LORD AZLOK

Majesty, I need warriors. Tonight we
swarm.

And around them, eggs begin to hatch...

66 **EXT. MOUNTAINSIDE. VAULT DOOR -- DAY**

66

THE DOCTOR, SARUBA VELAK, CASSIE, JIMMY and COLONEL STARK
face a gigantic metal door on the side of a mountain.

THE DOCTOR

The Viperox won't attack until sundown.
We've got an hour. Tops.

STARK

I've got men laying charges in the old
mine. If we don't kill 'em we'll bury
them down there.

THE DOCTOR

And they'll just dig themselves out
again.

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JIMMY

Get in!

They jump into the truck and pull away fast.

75 **INT. THE VAULT -- NIGHT**

75

THE DOCTOR is moving alone through the darkness. We're watching him from behind, the POV of something following him.

That strange growling buzz again...

The Doctor swings around, face to face with the unseen creature...

THE DOCTOR

Oh dear...

The creature is a giant mass of apparently colour-

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THE DOCTOR

Yeah, but the Skorpius Swarm Brain only has one thing on its mind.

SARUBA VELAK

Which is?

THE DOCTOR

Well, at this time of day? Supper.

And the swarm suddenly lunges towards them -

THE DOCTOR (CONT'D)

Run!!

The Doctor and Saruba Velak run away, the swarm of tiny lights surges after them through the canyons of artefacts and crates.

He sees something and grabs her.

THE DOCTOR (CONT'D)

Quickly! I've got a plan!

And throws Saruba Velak and himself into an open crate.

He takes one last look - the swarm heading their way - and slams the lid shut on them.

77 **INT. THE CRATE -- NIGHT**

77

Black screen.

SARUBA VELAK

This is your plan?

THE DOCTOR

It's in development.

78 **INT. DREAMLAND.OPERATIONS ROOM -- NIGHT**

78

COLONEL STARK is bent over a map. Other SOLDIERS move around him with a grim professionalism. There's a sense of siege.

A SERGEANT approaches Stark.

SERGEANT

We're getting reports of Viperox in a ten mile radius of the old Solitude mine.

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CASSIE

The whole town! They just tore it
apart!

Jimmy takes her hand.

JIMMY

We got to concentrate on getting this
box back to the Doc. Without running
into any more bugs.

And the road ahead of them suddenly bursts apart, as
Jimmy jumps on the brakes and cries out - and VIPEROX
BATTLE DRONES burst out of the ground, filling the road.

84 **EXT. NEVADA DESERT -- CONTINUOUS**

84

The truck veers off the road and bounces across the
desert, the TARDIS rocking dangerously on the back. The
VIPEROX BATTLE DRONES chase after it.

85 **EXT. SKY OVER THE DESERT -- CONTINUOUS**

85

A hoard of FLYING VIPEROX BATTLE DRONES swoop on a flight
of helicopters, attacking.

86 **INT. DREAMLAND. OPERATIONS ROOM -- CONTINUOUS**

86

Over a radio - the scream of the helicopter pilot. Then
nothing but static.

COLONEL STARK smashes his fist into the table top.

STARK

Where in hell is the Doctor?!

87 **EXT. MOUNTAINSIDE. VAULT DOOR -- NIGHT**

87

THE DOCTOR and SARBUA VELAK stand outside the massive
vault door, their crate beside them. A JEEP has been
left for them. The Doctor pats the crate affectionately.

THE DOCTOR

Remember Saruba Valek, some men are born
great, others have crates thrust upon
them.

And the Doctor is jumping into the Jeep.

THE DOCTOR (CONT'D)

Come on, we've got a planet to save!

Saruba Velak jumps in alongside him and the Doctor powers
the Jeep off down the road.

94 **INT. TARDIS -- CONTINUOUS**

94

THE DOCTOR follows CASSIE inside, she's taking it all in with wonder. JIMMY follows along with SARUBA VELAK Utterly awe-struck...

JIMMY

Holy smokes!

95 **INT. LABORATORY/TARDIS -- NIGHT**

95

RIVESH MANTILAX lies on a stretcher, he's hooked up to a drip, looking pale, eyes closed. There's a MEDIC and NURSE beside him. They are surrounded by a CIRCLE OF SOLDIERS. Beyond the room there is the sound of gun fire.

Then - the roar of the TARDIS.

The soldiers turn, guns raised - as the TARDIS materializes.

THE DOCTOR steps out.

THE DOCTOR

At ease!

The soldiers instinctively lower their guard.

The Doctor is energized.

THE DOCTOR (CONT'D)

Saruba Velak, do your stuff!

As she goes to Rivesh Mantilax's side and reveals the crystal orb that she rescued from the Vault.

SARUBA VELAK

Oh, my husband.

Holding it in her hands she places it on his forehead.

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And the two aliens embrace. A warm moment amid the horrors. Cassie and Jimmy look at each other. Jimmy takes her hand.

From inside his coat, the Doctor takes the ionic fusion bar.

THE DOCTOR

Sorry, but we don't have much time. The Viperox will be coming through that door any minute. I need you to activate the genetic device.

RIVESH MANTILAX

Happily. They destroyed our world. Now to wipe them from the face of Creation.

Rivesh Mantilax reaches for the ionic fusion bar. The Doctor holds it back.

THE DOCTOR

No. We can't do that. I won't allow it.

JIMMY

We've got to blow those monsters to hell!

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THE DOCTOR

This weapon will destroy the Viperox, not just on Earth but across the Universe. No-one has the right to destroy an entire species.

CASSIE

Doctor, they just destroyed my town!

The noise is getting louder beyond the doors...

JIMMY

They're almost here.

The Doctor looks at Rivesh Mantilax, challenging.

THE DOCTOR

Please. Trust me.

And hands him the ionic fusion bar.

RIVESH MANTILAX

You brought my wife and me back together. I trust you.

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Rivesh Mantilax twists the fusion bar. It transforms.
Becomes the genetic device (still small, tubular, but
distinctively different).

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THE DOCTOR (CONT'D)

She's got the meanest sound system in
the universe

And the Doctor plugs the TARDIS cable into the genetic
device..

LORD AZLOK

No!!!!

Instantly, the air is filled with a high-pitched
screeching noise that climbs in frequency - agonizing
Lord Azlok who can only release Jimmy and stagger
backwards.

97 **INT. LABORATORY-- NIGHT**

97

THE DOCTOR advances on LORD AZLOK and the other VIPEROX
BATTLE DRONES (all affected by the ultra-sonics). The
Doctor brandishes the device like a cross warding off
vampires, forcing them back...

The battle drones attack the floor in a frenzy - digging
an escape tunnel.

THE DOCTOR

Go back to Viperon, and don't even think
about coming back.

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Lord Azlok backs towards the pit dug by his soldiers.

LORD AZLOK

Your day will come, Doctor!

THE DOCTOR

Yeah. So they say.

Lord Azlok leaps into the pit and is gone.

98 **EXT. DREAMLAND BASE -- NIGHT**

98

Shocked bemused SOLDIERS watch as the swarming VIPEROX
BATTLE DRONES retreat and dig their own escape tunnels.
Disappearing into the ground.

99 **EXT. DESERT -- NIGHT**

99

The ground cracks and falls apart as the VIPEROX
SPACECRAFT lifts up from below the sands. Takes to the
skies - and is gone.

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EXT. DREAMLAND BASE -- DAY

100

THE TARDIS stands outside one of the hangars. COLONEL STARK (bandaged, walking wounded) is with CASSIE and JIMMY as THE DOCTOR steps out of the TARDIS with a box of technology, to which the genetic device is attached.

THE DOCTOR

There you go, Colonel. Put that somewhere safe. You won't have any more infestation problems.

STARK

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CASSIE

Oh, what's up? The Viperox smash up
your mind-wipe chamber? *

Stark regards her for a second, impassive, then turns
smartly and marches away.

JIMMY

What about you, Doc? What now?

THE DOCTOR

Doctor. I am the Doctor.

Jimmy grins.

JIMMY

Yeah sure. Doctor.

THE DOCTOR

I never did get anything to eat. Think
I'll grab a take-away. Chinese. Ming
Dynasty. Best dim-sum this side of
Infinity.

CASSIE

You ever get the taste for a chilli
again...

The Doctor pauses in the TARDIS doorway. Winks.

THE DOCTOR

It's a date. Meanwhile, Jimmy, Cassie