

DOCTOR WHO
"Nightmare in Limbo"
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PART ONE

Opening titles

1 INT. TARDIS CORRIDOR INFLIGHT

1

MARK and BILL are walking through the TARDIS corridor. BILL is still doubtful about what the TARDIS can do and is sceptical of Mark's claims, despite what he's seen so far.

BILL

I'm still not sure I'm taking this all in. A police box that can travel through time?

MARK

How many police boxes do you know that are bigger on the inside than on the out?

BILL

Well...not too many.

MARK

None, I should think. Did you know that, just before we met, the Doctor and I were on a world five thousand light years away and populated with rocks that could sing?

BILL

You're making this up!

MARK

No, I swear! If you don't believe me, you'll just have to ask the Doctor yourself.

DOCTOR

(Coming around corner)
Ask me what?

BILL

Singing rocks?

DOCTOR

(To Mark)
You weren't telling him that story, were you?

MARK

I didn't mention the part where you were thrown out of the chorus for not being able to carry the tune!

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DOCTOR
(Clears throat
uncomfortably)

BILL
(Laughs)

DOCTOR
So our cynical friend is having
trouble assimilating to time travel,
eh?

BILL
(It's that)
It's not that...

DOCTOR
(Throws arm around
Bill)
Well, then come along, Bill. Let me
show you something really interesting.

MARK
(Warning)
Uh, Doctor, I don't think he's
ready...

DOCTOR
(Walking away with
Bill)
Nonsense. Baptism by fire is good
for the soul. Come along!

MARK
(Sighs)

CUT TO:

2 INT. TARDIS BRIDGE INFLIGHT

2

DOCTOR
(Presses buttons on
the console)
You say you're a student of history,
do you, Mr. Bill Sanderson of 1296
Mayish Road, Brodick, United Kingdom.
So what period of history would you
like to visit?

MARK
Doctor...don't do this.

DOCTOR
(Still to Bill)
Well? Come on, then. Any period of
history. Any at all.

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BILL

(To Mark)

Is he serious?

MARK

Unfortunately.

DOCTOR

Ever wanted to visit the time when Stonehenge was built? Or how about when Mankind first invents hyperdrive? We can do that, too. The entire time stream is at your fingertips. All you have to do is choose!

MARK

Look, Doctor, you've had your little fun. Just leave him alone. The TARDIS can be a bit overwhelming the first time, you know.

BILL

No, no. All right. I'll take your challenge, Doctor. Show me what this time machine of yours can do. My dad was a soldier in World War II and fought the Battle of Normandy. Used to tell us stories about it all the time. I want to see if he was embellishing. Take us to the day after the invasion and let's see it.

DOCTOR

(Smiles)

Interesting choice.

BILL

(Smug)

You can't do it, can you?

MARK

(Shakes head. Knows no good can come of this)

Please...don't challenge him. He's only looking for an excuse.

The DOCTOR begins programming the console.

DOCTOR

7th of June, 1944, Normandy, France.

MARK

(Shakes his head)

Oh, blimey...

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DOCTOR
(Smiles)
Remember...you asked for it.

BILL
What? What do you mean by that?
The Doctor throws a switch and the TARDIS begins to materialise.

CUT TO:

3 EXT. NORMANDY BEACH, D-DAY -- AFTERNOON

3

The TARDIS materialises right in the middle of the D-Day invasion. Bombs going off, gunfire, and general chaos. The DOCTOR, MARK, and BILL exit the TARDIS and are understandably shocked at what they see.

BILL
Doctor, what's going on?!

MARK
This isn't the day after the Invasion, Doctor! This is the actual invasion!

DOCTOR
Not bad, considering how old the TARDIS is getting.

MARK
Get us out of here!

DOCTOR
Everyone back inside!

Everyone jumps back inside the TARDIS and it begins to dematerialise. Right in the middle, though, a bomb goes off right where the TARDIS is.

CUT TO:

4 INT. TARDIS BRIDGE INFLIGHT

4

The TARDIS continues to dematerialise as the bomb goes off. EVERYONE is shaken about.

DOCTOR
(Cries out as the TARDIS is shaken)

MARK
(Cries out as the TARDIS is shaken)

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BILL
(Cries out as the
TARDIS is shaken)

MARK
What happened?!

DOCTOR
I don't know. That shouldn't have
happened.

BILL
What do you mean?

DOCTOR
There was a German mortar that went
off right as the TARDIS was
dematerialising. But it shouldn't
have affected us.

BILL
But it did!

DOCTOR
Yes...it did.

MARK
Is that bad?

DOCTOR
(Runs a quick
diagnostic)
Everything looks okay. No damage to
the main systems. No dimensional
haemorrhaging. Wits still intact.

BILL
Speak for yourself.

DOCTOR
You're going to need to fortify
yourself a bit more than that if you
intend to travel with us.

MARK
Do you think we should set down
somewhere, make sure everything is
okay?

DOCTOR
Not a bad idea. Certainly wouldn't
hurt to give the old girl a thrice-
over.
(Smiles at Bill)
Any place in particular, Bill?

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BILL

(Backs away)

Uh...no. No. That's all right.
Wherever you think is fine by me.

MARK

Wise choice.

The Doctor sets the controls

DOCTOR

This time I think we'll choose
something a bit more quiet. How's
that.

MARK

Perfect.

BILL

(At same time)

Perfect.

DOCTOR

Thought so.

Hum mat.

BILL

(Beat, waiting for
something to happen)

Well?

DOCTOR

Well what?

BILL

Are we there yet? Isn't something
supposed to happen?

DOCTOR

Not everything comes with a flash
and a parade, young man.

The DOCTOR opens the viewscreen

DOCTOR (CONT'D)

There, see? Earth, late 20th century.
Looks like Yosemite, California after
a nice autumn rain shower. Can't
get much more peaceful than that.

BILL

(Unsure)

Um...are you sure it's Yosemite?
Not to doubt, mind you. It's just
that...after the last time...

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The Doctor opens the interior doors

DOCTOR

(Takes Bill by the
arm)

Come on, then. I'll show you.
There's absolutely nothing to worry
about. Nothing to worry about at
all.

CUT TO:

5 EXT. COUNTRYSIDE -- DAY

5

The Time Travellers find themselves right in the middle of
The Spanish Inquisition. A crowd has seen the DOCTOR, MARK,
and BILL appear out of nowhere.

CROWD

Witchcraft! Witchcraft!

MARK

What?!

JUDGE

Seize them!

The TARDIS crew are grabbed by the crowd

MARK

Hey, let go!

BILL

(Sees that the TARDIS
is missing)

Doctor, where's the TARDIS!

DOCTOR

(Shocked)

What?! What's going on?!

BILL

Doctor!

JUDGE

(To Doctor)

Children of Satan! Bring your
blasphemy to this holy country!
Prepare to meet your Maker!

CRESCENDO:

6 INT. CHURCH RECTORY -- LATER

6

The DOCTOR, MARK, and BILL are brought into the church as
prisoners. The doors close heavily.

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MARK

Where are we?

DOCTOR

Some kind of holy building. A church maybe.

MARK

I meant where, as in this isn't what was on the monitor in the TARDIS!

DOCTOR

Yes, that is strange.

BILL

You're taking all this in remarkable stride, Doctor. I don't suppose you knew this was going to happen?

DOCTOR

Not at all. In fact, I'm just as much in the dark as you and Mark are. This has never happened before. The TARDIS did set down in Yosemite. The coordinates checked out, yearometer, everything.

MARK

Everything except us.

DOCTOR

(Reaches into pocket and tries the TARDIS locator. It doesn't work)

Even the TARDIS locator isn't working.

BILL

What does that mean?

DOCTOR

It means the TARDIS isn't here.

MARK

There's no way back?!

DOCTOR

There's no need to panic.

BILL

I beg to differ!

DOCTOR

We have to find out where we are.

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FATHER MIGUEL

(Enters)

You are currently under the protection
of the Church of St. Matthew.

DOCTOR

Spain, right?

FATHER MIGUEL

Yes.

DOCTOR

I don't suppose you'd care to tell
us when we are?

FATHER MIGUEL

(Confused)

"When", my son?

DOCTOR

Yes. The year. You know, "It is
the Year of Our Lord..."?

FATHER MIGUEL

(Still unsure)

1725.

DOCTOR

(Deadpan)

Wonderful.

MARK

What does that mean?

BILL

He can't be serious.

MARK

Why?

BILL

("Shouldn't it be
obvious?")

Spain, 1725. Doctor, you just landed
us right smack in the middle of the
Spanish Inquisition!

FATHER MIGUEL

I've brought you some food and drink.
(Sympathetic)

Eat as much as you can. I fear this
may be the last meal you may be having
for quite some time.

Father Miguel sets the tray down and walks away.

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BILL

Wait! You can't just leave us here!

The door is closed and locked

MARK

Wonderful.

DOCTOR

(Still focusing on
the locator)

Still not working.

MARK

I think we have more pressing problems
than why the TARDIS locator isn't
working.

BILL

We have to get out of here!

DOCTOR

If we can find the TARDIS, then that
would solve our problem.

MARK

Maybe it's broken.

DOCTOR

It's working perfectly. It's just
not registering the TARDIS.

MARK

How is that possible?

DOCTOR

I don't know. It should be
impossible.

BILL

And yet here we are.

DOCTOR

Indeed.

MARK

So what do we do?

DOCTOR

(Looks at tray of
food)

How about we eat lunch. Shame to
let it go to waste.

CUT TO:

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INT. CHURCH SANCTUARY -- MOMENTS LATER

7

The JUDGE approaches FATHER MIGUEL, upset that Father Miguel has given the Doctor and companions temporary sanctuary.

JUDGE

Where are the prisoners?

FATHER MIGUEL

They are being well taken care of,
Your Grace.

JUDGE

No doubt you've given them soft
pillows and a place to put their
feet up, isn't that right Father
Miguel?

FATHER MIGUEL

Until the Inquisitor has found them
guilty, they will continue to be
treated as children of God in the
eyes of this church.

JUDGE

Their guilt is beyond question.

FATHER MIGUEL

Then it is a good thing that you
will not be adjudicating their case.

JUDGE

You've always had a soft heart,
Father. But a foolish one. These
"children of God" as you call them
appeared out of thin air. We all
saw them! The work of the devil
himself! And you would give comfort
to his angels?!

FATHER MIGUEL

I would give comfort to the condemned
just as Our Lord would have. Did
not He even say to visit the sick
and those in prison?

JUDGE

Be very careful, Father, or you may
find yourself the subject of the
Inquisitor's gaze. Our Lord may
have had pity on the guilty, but he
condemned them nonetheless. To the
Lake of Fire!

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FATHER MIGUEL

If they are to spend eternity in such a place, wouldn't it benefit both their souls and ours to give them solace in their last moments?

JUDGE

The Inquisitor will be arriving before the day is out. Whatever solace you intend to give them will be short lived. Be sure to have them ready. Remember, it is you who gave them sanctuary, therefore it is your responsibility that they are not given the opportunity to escape.

(Smiles)

Rather, why don't you use the time to get them to see the error of their ways. Perhaps you can bring them back to the light before they must endure eternal darkness.

FATHER MIGUEL

(Bows)

Of course, Your Grace.

JUDGE

(Turns to walk away)

I shall return when the Inquisitor arrives. Be ready.

Judge leaves.

CUT TO:

8 INT. CHURCH RECTORY -- MOMENTS LATER

8

The DOCTOR, MARK, and BILL are still trying to figure a way out and find out what happened to the TARDIS.

BILL

(Re: The TARDIS locator)

Any luck?

DOCTOR

It's just not registering. I don't understand.

MARK

But what happened to the TARDIS itself, Doctor? When we came out, it just wasn't there.

DOCTOR

Yes, something else to add to our list of unanswered questions.

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BILL

The first and foremost being, "What do we do?"

FATHER MIGUEL unlocks the door.

DOCTOR

I think the answer to that question is arriving right now.

FATHER MIGUEL opens the door and enters.

FATHER MIGUEL

My children.

BILL

(Stands up and demands)
Let us go! You have no right to keep us here!

DOCTOR

(Trying to calm Bill down)
Bill, that sort of display isn't going to help anyone. Sit down. After all, this kind gentleman was nice enough to bring us lunch. I'm certain he's a reasonable fellow.

FATHER MIGUEL

My name is Father Miguel, and I do apologise for the way that you have been treated up 'til now.

DOCTOR

Think nothing of it.

FATHER MIGUEL

But I do. The Church can be...somewhat "aggressive" in its pursuit of holiness.

MARK

So we've noticed.

FATHER MIGUEL

I want to assure you that that is not my intention.

DOCTOR

What is your intention?

FATHER MIGUEL

I want to bring you back to the truth.
(MORE)

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FATHER MIGUEL (CONT'D)

Bring you back to the "Mother Church"
before it is too late and your souls
are lost forever.

DOCTOR

Well, that's very kind of you.

FATHER MIGUEL

I only have your best interests at
heart.

BILL

So all you want us to do is confess
our sins and you'll let us go?

FATHER MIGUEL

(Hesitates)

I'm afraid it doesn't quite work
that way.

MARK

How does it work, then?

FATHER MIGUEL

If you renounce the works of Satan,
I can assure you that your place in
Heaven will be secured.

MARK

(Probing, hoping)

When we eventually die?

FATHER MIGUEL

If by "eventually" you mean this
evening, then yes.

MARK

So you're going to kill us whether
we confess or not?!

FATHER MIGUEL

You can die a Christian death or a
heathen one. The choice is yours.

DOCTOR

Death is death.

FATHER MIGUEL

But one will bring you into the arms
of the Virgin Mother and the other
into the arms of Lucifer. An easy
choice to make.

There is a small blip from the TARDIS locator

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DOCTOR

(Excited)

I got it!

FATHER MIGUEL

(Startled)

What was that?!

MARK

(Trying to cover up
the sound)

Nothing. You were talking about the
salvation of our souls...

DOCTOR

(Ignoring Mark)

It's working! I finally got it to
work!

FATHER MIGUEL

What's he talking about

(Sees TARDIS locator)

What is that contraption?!

DOCTOR

TARDIS location device. It picked
up a very faint echo of the TARDIS.
Right where we left it...or where it
should have been. All we have to do
is go back to where we first appeared
and we should be able to find it.

FATHER MIGUEL

I'm sorry, my son. But you can not
leave here.

DOCTOR

(Smiles at the
challenge)

Really? We can't? Well, that's
never stopped me before.

FATHER MIGUEL

Please, my son. It would be much
better for you if you caused no more
trouble. The Inquisitor can
be..."vigilant" in his pursuit to
gain confessions. The more
cooperative you are, the easier things
will be.

DOCTOR

All the more reason not to wait
around.

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FATHER MIGUEL

(Stands to leave)

If that is your desire, then I will pray for a repentant heart. In the mean time, if you need anything - food, drink -- please let me know.

Father Miguel leaves, closing and locking the door.

DOCTOR

Nice fellow. I shall miss him.

BILL

What are we going to do?! We have to get out of here before this Inquisitor gets here!

DOCTOR

No need to worry, Bill.

BILL

Do you even know your history, Doctor?! These Inquisitors were the worst of the worst. There's no such thing as a fair trial. Torture, murder, nothing was beyond their authority! Believe me, when they're done with you, you'd confess to anything. And then they kill you anyway.

DOCTOR

(To Mark)

Mark, do you see Father Miguel anywhere?

MARK

(Looks through door window)

Not that I can see.

DOCTOR

Good.

DOCTOR takes out sonic screwdriver and begins to open the lock

BILL

What's that?

DOCTOR

Sonic screwdriver. Opens locks, stocks, bolts, latches, you name it, it'll open it. Mostly, anyway.

Lock opens.

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DOCTOR (CONT'D)
See? What'd I tell you?

MARK
No one in the sanctuary.

BILL
Good. Let's get out of here!

DOCTOR
Come on.

FADE OUT:

FADE IN:

9 EXT. COUNTRYSIDE OUTSIDE THE CHURCH -- MOMENTS LATER

9

The DOCTOR, MARK and BILL are making their way out of the church.

MARK
Any sign we're being followed?

BILL
(Looks around)
Clear so far.

DOCTOR
(Checks the TARDIS
locator)
According to the locator, there is a
faint signal at the exact spot we
arrived in this world.

BILL
But I can't see the TARDIS.

DOCTOR
It's not there.

MARK
But I thought you said--

DOCTOR
The TARDIS may not be there, but the
link is. If we can just--

JUDGE suddenly appears

JUDGE
Trying to escape back to Hell?!

DOCTOR
Why? Would you prefer to escort us
there personally?

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JUDGE

In chains if I could.

FATHER MIGUEL

(Approaching)

Prodigal children! Did I not warn you to remain inside the rectory?!

JUDGE

You're too soft, Father! You're foolishness almost lost these demons to the Pit before we could save their souls!

FATHER MIGUEL

Your brand of salvation involves the sword, Your Grace. I'm more interested in mercy.

DOCTOR

Uh, if you two wouldn't mind...

JUDGE

Silence, heathen! Your fate only becomes worse by the second!

DOCTOR

At least if I could get you to stand...

(Moves Judge a foot
to the left)

...just over there, out of the way.

JUDGE

What are you doing?!

DOCTOR

Opening up the portal.

FATHER MIGUEL

What?!

Cliffhanger.

DOCTOR activates the TARDIS locator and a shimmering portal opens up.

JUDGE

(Shocked)

Santa Maria!

FATHER MIGUEL

You are children of the devil!

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DOCTOR

Well, I'm told I was quite precocious as a child, but I'd hardly call myself devilish.

JUDGE

It is the doorway to Hades!

DOCTOR

The TARDIS actually.

(To Father Miguel)

Thank you for your kindness, Father Miguel. Don't ever give up your convictions. History will prove you're the better, believe me.

MARK

(Gesturing to the Doctor)

Doctor, come on!

DOCTOR

(To Judge)

Good bye!

Doctor and companions enter the portal and vanish.

FATHER MIGUEL

What do we tell the Inquisitor when he arrives, Your Grace?

JUDGE

Nothing. We say absolutely nothing.

FATHER MIGUEL

But...we both saw...

JUDGE

I'm not sure what I saw, Father. And for the good of the church, I think it should remain that way. Don't you?

FATHER MIGUEL

For once, I must agree with you, Your Grace. For once, I must agree with you.

FADE OUT:

10 INT. KALED BUNKER

10

The DOCTOR, MARK, and BILL appear.

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MARK

(Looks around)

Where are we?

BILL

This isn't the TARDIS!

DOCTOR

(Dark)

No. This is much worse!

MARK

(Horrified)

What are those things?!

DOCTOR

Daleks.

DALEK

We are entombed, but we live on.
This is only the beginning. We will
prepare. We will grow stronger.
When the time is right, we will emerge
and take our rightful place as the
supreme power of the universe!

DOCTOR

Oh, dear...

END OF ACT ONE

PART TWO

Opening titles.

Repeat cliffhanger.

11 INT. KALED BUNKER -- CONTINUOUS

11

DALEK
(Turns to see the
Doctor and company)
Intruders! Intruders!

DOCTOR
(To Mark and Bill)
Don't move. Whatever you do, don't
move.

DALEK
Exterminate! Exterminate!

BILL
(Backing away)
Doctor...!

DALEK
Doctor?! Did you say Doctor?!

DOCTOR
Bill!

DALEK
Silence! Which one of you is the
Doctor?

BILL
Um...well, uh...

DALEK
Silence. You have been identified
designate "Bill". Which one of you
is the Doctor.

DOCTOR
Well, that would be me, unfortunately.

DALEK
External identification error. You
are not the Doctor. However, internal
scan and DNA comparative analysis
identify you as such. Explain
anomaly!

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DOCTOR

Well, that may be a bit more than you can handle at this point in your development. Let's just say you have the wrong person and part friends, shall we?

DALEK

(Stopping the Doctor from leaving)

Halt!

DOCTOR

(To himself)

Worth a try.

DALEK

Explain your presence in the Kaled bunker.

DOCTOR

We got lost.

DALEK

You will answer truthfully!

DOCTOR

Believe it or not, that is the truth. We're lost. I have no idea how we got here and at the moment we would like nothing better than to leave.

DALEK

You will explain your presence! All non-Dalek life has been exterminated in the Bunker and Dome. How did you evade Dalek patrols?

DALEK 2

Scans have detected technological anomaly on the Doctor's person.

DALEK

Remove all devices. Obey! Obey!

DOCTOR

(Sighs)

The DOCTOR begins to place objects on the table.

DALEK

Halt!

DALEK 2

This device registers beyond Dalek technology.

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DALEK

Impossible! Dalek technology is superior.

DOCTOR

Who told you that?!

DALEK

Device will be reverse engineered and added to databanks.

DOCTOR

Uh, I wouldn't go touching that if I were you.

The Daleks activate the device and the portal opens up

DALEK 2

Alert! Alert!

MARK

Doctor, the portal!

DALEK

Keep away! Do not approach the anomaly!

DALEK 2

Keep away! Obey!

DOCTOR

All right. All right.

DALEK

Remove the prisoners for interrogation.

DALEK 2

I obey.

DOCTOR

Wait! We can show you what that is! Just let us step through it and--

DALEK

You will tell us all you know under interrogation. There will be no need to demonstrate. Remove them!

CRESCENDO:

12 INT. HOLDING CELL, DALEK BUNKER -- LATER

12

BILL

Great. How are we going to get out of here now? We were so close!

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DOCTOR

Close to what? We didn't end up back in the TARDIS like we were supposed to.

MARK

Why? I thought that would take us right back.

DOCTOR

For all intent and purpose, it should have. Something must have happened back at Normandy when that mortar went off.

BILL

You said everything was okay.

DOCTOR

I said everything "looked" okay.

BILL

Semantics.

DOCTOR

The Null Zone has become decoupled from the outer shell of the TARDIS. That's the only explanation.

MARK

Really? That's too bad. I was hoping for an explanation that I could understand.

DOCTOR

Between the inner dimension of the TARDIS and the outer exterior there exists a middle ground, a "bridge" between the two, so to speak. A "Null Zone" that links both dimensions together.

MARK

And you think something happened to it from the blast?

DOCTOR

Must have. Instead of exiting the TARDIS where the outer shell is, the Null Zone is depositing us at seemingly random junctions...

(Realises)

Or maybe not so random.

BILL

What do you mean?

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DOCTOR

You heard the Daleks. I've been here before. And in Spain...twice at least. We're being sent everywhere the TARDIS has been before. Or at least connected to.

BILL

"Connected to"?

DOCTOR

Technically, the TARDIS was never here. At least, at this period of Dalek history. But it was connected to it via a Time Ring. That probably explains why we were still able to end up here.

MARK

I'm glad it all makes sense to you. Any chance that helps us get back?

BILL

As much as I'd like to get back, too, I think we have more immediate problems to worry about.

DOCTOR

Quite right.

MARK

What are these Daleks, anyway? Giant pepperpots?

DOCTOR

They're ruthless killing machines. Don't underestimate them. Once they're finished with us, we're as good as dead. You heard them say they killed everyone in the bunker. That was a thousand plus heavily armed soldiers and scientists. And it took only four Daleks to do that. Four. Just think of what an army of Daleks could do.

BILL

We can't let them through that portal.

DOCTOR

No. We can't.

MARK

So what do we do?

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DALEK
(Points to Doctor)
You. Come with me.

BILL
(Frightened)
No, Doctor, don't!

DOCTOR
Remember, Bill. Don't tell them
anything. The minute you do, they'll
be done with you.

BILL
Don't worry about it. I don't know
anything to tell them!

DALEK
Silence! Come! Come!

CUT TO:

13 INT. INTERROGATION ROOM -- LATER

13

The DOCTOR is strapped to a table. Interrogation is painful.
The Daleks start up the machine

DALEK
You will answer all questions. You
will answer truthfully. You will
answer immediately. Failure to obey
will result in punishment.

DOCTOR
If you know who I am, then you know
I can't tell you anything. It would
change history.

DALEK
You will tell us about the anomaly.

DOCTOR
(A little surprised
that they are asking
about that)
The anomaly?

DALEK
What is it?

DOCTOR
Sorry. Giving you information about
the portal would be worse than telling
you about the future.

(CONTINUED)

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DALEK

You will tell us everything you know!
Obey! Obey!!!

DOCTOR

No, I will not! I will tell you
nothing!

DALEK

Then you will suffer.

The machine powers and the DOCTOR is in agony.

DOCTOR

(Cries out in pain)

DALEK

Now, you will tell us about the
anomaly.

DOCTOR

(Gasping for breath)

I can't. It would give you too much
power.

The machine powers and the DOCTOR is agonised again.

DOCTOR (CONT'D)

(Cries out in more
pain)

DALEK

You will tell us! You will tell us!

DOCTOR

No! No!!!!

The machine powers and the DOCTOR is agonised again.

DOCTOR (CONT'D)

(Cries out in agony)

FADE OUT:

14 INT. HOLDING CELL, DALEK BUNKER -- LATER

14

BILL

(Pacing)

I wish we knew what was going on.

MARK

The Doctor will find a way to get us
out of here. He always has.

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14 CONTINUED:

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BILL

Sounds like you're used to this sort of thing.

MARK

(A bit surprised at himself)

Yeah, I guess you could say I am.

BILL

Well, I'm not. My nerves are shot.

Door opens and a Dalek motions to the COMPANIONS.

MARK

It's one of those things.

DALEK

(Points to each companion)

You. You. Accompany.

MARK

Where are you taking us?

BILL

Where's the Doctor?!

DALEK

Silence!

The door shuts.

CUT TO:

15 INT. INTERROGATION ROOM -- MOMENTS LATER

15

MARK and BILL enter and see the DOCTOR strapped to the table, having obviously been the victim of torture.

MARK

(Shocked at the state the Doctor is in)

Doctor!

BILL

What have you done to him?!

DALEK

Remain where you are. Do not approach the prisoner.

DOCTOR

(Spent from his ordeal)

It's all right. I'm fine.

(CONTINUED)

BILL

You don't look it.

DOCTOR

(To Dalek)

So what's it to be? You going to torture my friends as well? I already told you. They don't know anything! It would be a waste of resources to bother with them.

DALEK

You and your companions will be used as labour for the Daleks. You will operate under our direction until the Bunker is converted to Dalek functionality.

MARK

We're not doing anything for you!

DOCTOR

Quiet, Mark!

(To Dalek)

We'll do anything you say.

BILL

Doctor, how can you say we're going to help those things?!

DOCTOR

Because if we don't, they'll kill us.

MARK

There's got to be another way!

DOCTOR

That only works in the movies, Mark! Remember, these are killing machines. They have no emotion, no values, no morality. Whether you live or die means absolutely nothing to them. Your only function is to serve the Dalek empire. If you can't do that, then you're a waste of resources and expendable. This way, at least we're still alive. And remember, while there's life...

DALEK 2

(Over speaker)

Alert! Alert! All Dalek units to Command Centre! Maximum alert!

The Dalek leaves the Interrogation Room.

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MARK

(Re: Dalek quickly
leaving)

Well, where's he off to so quickly.

DOCTOR

Suddenly we're of no importance to them. That's almost a smack to my self esteem. I wonder where it's gone off to in such a hurry.

MARK

What difference does it make? Let's get out of here!

DOCTOR

The only problem is that Command Centre is where we need to go.

BILL

Where every Dalek is converging.

DOCTOR

Exactly.

(Pulls himself up)

So let's go see what all the fuss is about.

CUT TO:

16 INT. KALED BUNKER -- MOMENTS LATER

16

Alarms are sounding, Daleks gathering around. The portal is growing in size.

DALEK

Alert! Alert!

DALEK 2

Anomaly size increasing! Readings unstable! Alert!

DOCTOR

(Entering)

Well, well. Someone forgot to close the door behind them.

DALEK

(Turns to Doctor)

Doctor, you will stabilise the anomaly.

DOCTOR

(Sees his way out)

Exactly. Yes.

(MORE)

(CONTINUED)

DOCTOR (CONT'D)

That's precisely what I'll do. Let me just get my things here...

DALEK

You will not approach the anomaly.

DOCTOR

I have to if you want me to fix it.

DALEK

You will not approach the anomaly.

DALEK 2

You will not approach!

DOCTOR

Now see here! A plumber has to get under the sink to remove a clog! I...and my friends here...we have stabilise the field. And the only way we can do that is to...well, get near the thing.

DALEK

You will give the necessary instructions and I will perform the task.

DOCTOR

Sorry. Union rules. Only I can do it. Don't want to get into trouble with the tradesmen now, do you?

DALEK

Give the instructions or your companions will be exterminated!

MARK

(Sees the portal growing)

Doctor, the portal is getting bigger!

DOCTOR

(To Daleks)

I can't let you near it. It has to be us or no one. Now make up your mind! If I don't stop it now, it will engulf this entire bunker and destroy everything...including you!

DALEK

You are lying! You are attempting to deceive the Daleks.

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16 CONTINUED: (2)

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DOCTOR

Wait just a minute longer and we'll see if you're right.

DALEK 2

(Reporting)

Pulse and respiration of the Doctor increasing, indicating attempt at deception.

DOCTOR

Well...it was worth a try.

DALEK

Exterminate! Exterminate!

The portal flares and transports everyone

CUT TO:

17 INT. ANDROID WORKSHOP

17

Everyone from the Dalek bunker suddenly finds themselves transported here.

BILL

Doctor, where are we?

DOCTOR

At least we're not back in the TARDIS this time.

DALEK

Emergency! Emergency! Loss of contact with Kaled Bunker! Emergency!

MARK

The Daleks came with us!

FERRIS

(Surprised to see everyone there)

Who are you?!

DALEK

(Turns to Ferris)

Halt! Identify!

FERRIS

(Ordering his robots)

Destroy those things!

Robots open fire

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17 CONTINUED:

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DALEK

Under attack! Exterminate!
Exterminate!

Daleks return fire but are all destroyed

DOCTOR

Well, I believe I owe you a debt of
gratitude, Mr...

(Hint of recognition)

Wait a minute. Don't I know you
from somewhere?

FERRIS

Those were Dalek creatures, were
they not?

DOCTOR

Yes. How did you know that?

FERRIS

Then perhaps you do know me.

MARK

(Points to robots)

Doctor, what are those things?

DOCTOR

(Looks at robots and
sees them in the
forms of his former
selves)

They're...me!

FERRIS

Ah, the Doctor! Of course! Who
else could it have been. Coming
from out of nowhere, companion...or
"companions"... never more than a
couple feet behind. It should be
obvious even to the blind.

DOCTOR

Ferris Engin! I thought you were
dead.

FERRIS

I'm very happy I could disappoint
you, Doctor.

BILL

Doctor, who is this person?

DOCTOR

Renegade, Madman, Twisted, take your
pick.

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FERRIS

This madman just saved your life.

DOCTOR

Unintentionally, I'm sure.

FERRIS

I'll admit to that. But then, it doesn't take a genius like myself to recognise prototype Daleks. No resistance to even the most rudimentary weapons. My androids had no trouble with their dispatch.

DOCTOR

Last I saw you, you were rotting away in a prison for life plus six hundred years.

FERRIS

Good behaviour.

DOCTOR

Of course.

FERRIS

No one understood my research.

MARK

And what research is that?

DOCTOR

Ferris here planned to give eternal life to anyone who wanted it. And even to those who didn't want it.

BILL

That doesn't sound too bad.

DOCTOR

His version of eternal life was to graft your brain onto an android exoskeleton under his control.

FERRIS

You, too, misunderstand me, Doctor. Every society needs control. Even an eternal one.

DOCTOR

So I helped in bringing him to justice.

FERRIS

Fortunately, I have many followers who believe in what I'm doing.

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DOCTOR

Your own cult? How wonderful.

FERRIS

(Gesturing to the
Doctor androids)

Do you like my newest creations?

DOCTOR

Fetching. Three different versions
of me. Though you got the eye colour
wrong on this one.

BILL

Wait a minute. Did you say these
are all you?!

DOCTOR

Different regenerations, of course.

BILL

I don't understand.

FERRIS

I did quite a bit of research on
you, Doctor. I know everything.
Your history, your TARDIS. I had
intended to use these androids to
lure you here. But I see that I
don't need to go to that trouble
after all.

DOCTOR

An invitation card would have been
enough.

FERRIS

Where is your TARDIS?

DOCTOR

The TARDIS?

FERRIS

Don't play the fool with me, Doctor.
You never travel without it.

DOCTOR

Well, actually, this time I did. In
fact, I'm embarrassed to say I've
mislaid it.

MARK

Or it mislaid us.

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17 CONTINUED: (4)

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FERRIS

Really now. Well, I couldn't imagine why you'd be travelling with Daleks, so there must be some truth to the matter. Some sort of portal, is it? And the TARDIS locator in your hand is somehow the key to opening it.

DOCTOR

(Impressed)

Keenly deduced, professor.

FERRIS

As I said, I made it my mission to study up on you.

BILL

The trouble is, we can't get back to the TARDIS.

FERRIS

Then I shall help you.

DOCTOR

That's quite all right. I'm sure we can figure it out on our own.

FERRIS

I insist! Then I will accompany you to your ship.

DOCTOR

Now that's something I can't agree on.

FERRIS

This wasn't a negotiation.

The androids cock their guns

FERRIS (CONT'D)

You will repair the portal using the equipment you left behind from your previous visitation, then we will all go to your TARDIS.

DOCTOR

And do what?

FERRIS

You will find out in due time, Time Lord.

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17 CONTINUED: (5) 17

DOCTOR
Yes...well, if you insist...

FADE OUT:

18 INT. TARDIS BRIDGE STATIONARY -- LATER 18

The Doctor has managed to repair the portal and he, Bill, Mark, and Ferris enter the TARDIS bridge.

MARK
We're back on the TARDIS. Thank goodness!

FERRIS
Remove the command device from the console, Doctor.

DOCTOR
Why?

FERRIS
Because I do not want you to have access to any of the TARDIS controls until I have taken what I want.

DOCTOR
What do you want?

FERRIS
(Smiles)
Follow me and find out.

FADE OUT:

19 INT. TARDIS CORRIDOR -- LATER 19

Everyone is walking along the deep recesses of the TARDIS. No one has ever been this deep before, not even the Doctor himself. The corridors are dark, sound muted. It is becoming more eerie the further they go.

MARK
(Unnerved)
I've never been this far down in the TARDIS before. How far did you say it went, Doctor?

DOCTOR
Technically? Forever.

BILL
Forever?

(CONTINUED)

DOCTOR

The TARDIS is infinite. So, theoretically anyway, you could continue walking down the corridors until the end of time itself.

FERRIS

We will not be going that far, I assure you.

DOCTOR

Any chance you could tell us what it is you're looking for? Maybe I might know a short cut.

FERRIS

How far have you been in your TARDIS, Doctor? How well do you know its innermost workings?

DOCTOR

No one can know everything about the TARDIS. That's the definition of infinite.

FERRIS

Oh, but there does come a point where you can know so much that it is tantamount to infinity. Nine continual, Doctor. That's infinity, wouldn't you say.

DOCTOR

Only to someone who doesn't understand the concept of infinity.

FERRIS

Let's then just say I know more about your TARDIS than you do. I know the secrets it holds, the knowledge that it possesses...and can give me!

DOCTOR

(Realises)

The Heart of the TARDIS. That's what you want, isn't it?

FERRIS

At last you realise.

DOCTOR

You can't! No one has ever reached the heart of the TARDIS. It's impossible!

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FERRIS

Not if you have the knowledge. Think about it! All of time and space before you. What can a man do with the wisdom of the ages?!

MARK

You've never mentioned this "heart" before, Doctor? What is it?

DOCTOR

It's the very essence of the TARDIS itself. Where it connects to the universe. Where thought and reality converge. I've always thought it to be a myth.

(To Ferris)

But not to you.

FERRIS

No, Doctor. I believe it is quite real. And there is a small part of you that believes as well, don't you agree?

DOCTOR

(Beat)

No.

FERRIS

Your bravado may fool your companions, but it doesn't fool me. You want to know as well. That's why you're not going to stop me.

DOCTOR

And what do you intend to do with this Universal Wisdom once you get it?

FERRIS

(Smiles)

You know exactly what I intend to do.

DOCTOR

Yes. That's why I am going to stop you.

FERRIS

Then it's a good thing I brought my androids with me, isn't it?

Guns power up.

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FERRIS (CONT'D)

I think you should lead the way now,
Doctor.

DOCTOR

No need. We're here.

Heavy doors creak open.

20 INT. HEART OF THE TARDIS -- CONTINUOUS

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Everyone's voices in echo.

FERRIS

At last. The heart of the TARDIS.

MARK

Doctor. I'm seeing images in my
head. Cities, people...galaxies.

BILL

Me too. What are we seeing?

DOCTOR

Past, present and future are
converging. The TARDIS telepathic
circuits are relaying time stream
data directly to our minds.

FERRIS

And now to hook up my androids.

FERRIS opens a briefcase and takes out connective wiring.

DOCTOR

Ferris, you can't possibly think you
can download the entire time stream
into finite positronic matrices.

FERRIS

Not one perhaps. But three linked
together in a progressive hyperstatic
loop.

DOCTOR

You've perfected it?

FERRIS

For just such a place and time as
this.

BILL

Look, I like to think of myself as
up on all this futuristic technical
jargon, but just what is a progressive
hyperstatic loop?

(CONTINUED)

FERRIS

A digital gestalt capable of near infinite computation and assimilation.

(To Doctor)

I assure you, Doctor, my androids are more than capable of absorbing the time stream.

DOCTOR

Absorbing it maybe. But assimilating it, never. Remember, the time stream is more than just reality. It is the dreams and experiences of everyone in the universe as well. Only the living brain can comprehend those things. Computers, no matter how sophisticated, would blow up the moment they try.

FERRIS

Not mine!

The androids attempt to merge with the time stream and begin to blow up.

FERRIS (CONT'D)

No! No! What is happening?!

DOCTOR

Just what I told you! Machines aren't living, no matter how well they're designed or constructed.

FERRIS

Then I will build new androids! The knowledge the time stream gives me will show me how! Then I will be able to give this gift to the universe! And all shall thank me! And bow down before me!

DOCTOR

Ferris, wait!

Ferris hooks himself up

FERRIS

(Screams in agony as his brain is fried)

This can't be happening! Why?! Why?!!!

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BILL
(Sees the skin of
Ferris melt, revealing
an android)
Doctor, his skin!

DOCTOR
(Shocked)
Ferris was an android, too!

FERRIS
(Mechanical voice)
My work! My lifetimes of work!
Gone! All gone!

Ferris explodes

MARK
I can't believe it.

DOCTOR
The real Ferris must have died years
ago. His android was left to carry
on his work.

BILL
But he..."it" didn't know he wasn't
real.

DOCTOR
Not if his programming didn't allow
him to. You almost have to feel
sorry for him.

BILL
So what do we do now, Doctor?

DOCTOR
What do you mean?

BILL
Well, we're here. Heart of the
TARDIS. Aren't you curious?

DOCTOR
(Beat)
No. With infinite knowledge comes
infinite angels as well as demons.
That kind of power would drive anyone
mad. Best leave it where it is...deep
in the bowels of the TARDIS,
undisturbed.

FADE OUT:

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20 CONTINUED: (3) 20

FADE IN:

21 INT. TARDIS BRIDGE INFLIGHT 21

DOCTOR

That does it, then. The old girl just needed some minor repairs, and now we're as good as new.

BILL

Are we still going to Yosemite?

DOCTOR

If that's where you want to go.

MARK

Anywhere is better than a bunker full of Daleks or a workshop full of androids.

DOCTOR

Then Yosemite it is.

CUT TO:

22 EXT. YOSEMITE -- AFTERNOON 22

TARDIS rematerialises. DOCTOR, MARK and BILL step out

DOCTOR

There, you see. Yosemite. No Daleks, no androids. Just fresh air and wide open spaces.

BILL

Just what I was looking for.

DOCTOR

(Thinking)

Hmm...

MARK

What is it, Doctor?

DOCTOR

I don't know. I just...I just get the feeling I've been here before.

MARK

What?!

Beat

BILL

Let's go!

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MARK
(At same time)
Let's go!

All quickly pile into the TARDIS and dematerialise.

END OF SHOW