

TALES OF THE TARDIS

2. 'The Mind Robber'

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EXT. SPACE

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The TARDIS, that beautiful blue box, floating against twinkling stars.

As we track towards it --

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INT. MEMORY TARDIS

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JAMIE McCRIMMON; 70s, Highlander Chieftain, stands in the closed doorway, staring around in wonder.

Then he sees --

A WOMAN with her back to him, pressing buttons on a console panel. Like she knows what she's doing. Dressed in simple, elegant robes.

JAMIE

Where the devil are we?

She turns around. It's ZOE HERRIOT; older and wiser than the last time we saw her, all those years ago.

ZOE

I think it's a TARDIS. I think it's the TARDIS. In a manner of speaking.

Jamie staring in shock.

JAMIE

...Zoe.

ZOE

Hello Jamie.

JAMIE

Zoe!

And he gives her the fiercest bear-hug.

ZOE

You remember.

JAMIE

I remember everything!

They're so happy it's almost overwhelming; all those memories flooding back.

JAMIE (CONT'D)

(confused)

But I forgot, for so long.

ZOE

They *made us* forget. The Time
Lords, when we left the Doctor.
They erased our memories.

(of the Tardis)

But in here... it's all back...
every adventure... every story.
Every single moment.

JAMIE

But how did we get here? And
where's the Doctor?

ZOE

Oh he'll be out there somewhere, in
the stars.

(the Tardis)

But I don't think this is for him,
I think it's meant for us.

Jamie finds something on a shelf nearby -- picks it up --

The Doctor's battered old RECORDER.

He stares at it with tears in his eyes.

JAMIE

I've missed him. Every day of my
life. And I never even realised.

ZOE

What they did to us was
unforgivable. And I think we were
brought here... to undo it.

JAMIE

One last gift from the Doctor.

A beat on that. The weight of it; the emotion.

JAMIE (CONT'D)

I'd still be with him today, if I
could. Trying to keep up.

ZOE

Don't you have family?

JAMIE

Five daughters.

(beat)

Legs are hairier than mine. And
nineteen grandchildren.

ZOE

Nineteen???

JAMIE

Aye and they're not so wee anymore.

ZOE

I have a son. A scientist.
(then)
...I named him James.

JAMIE

(touched)
After me??

ZOE

I never realised before. But yes.
Of course after you.

JAMIE

Did you marry a man from the space
wheel?

ZOE

(no)
We met on Earth. In Australia.

JAMIE

I've been there! I got shot at.

ZOE

We got shot at a lot.

JAMIE

But look at you now, all noble.

ZOE

(little spin)
Presidential robes, thank you very
much. Today's my third
inauguration.

JAMIE

President! The Doctor would be so
proud.

ZOE

Isn't it funny... everything he
showed us, and taught us, I've been
using it. Without realising. Every
day of my life. All those
experiences were there, at the back
of my mind. Pushing me forwards.

JAMIE

And me.
(quiet, vulnerable)
Do you think we'll ever see him
again?

ZOE

I'm not sure. But we keep him alive
by telling our stories.

JAMIE

So we tell them... to each other...
to our families...

ZOE

Pass them down, generation after
generation.

Both sit at the CRYSTAL CAMPFIRE at the heart of the TARDIS.

JAMIE

Aye but where do we start? And
don't say the Cybermen, I want to
forget the Cybermen.

ZOE

The Krotons? The Quarks?

JAMIE

Och that's right, the Quarks! The
little metal beasties. And do you
remember, the TARDIS was swallowed
by lava!

ZOE

But then things got worse!

JAMIE

That's right! I remember now...

And MIX TO...

An omnibus of 'The Mind Robber' (1969), an adventure in a
world of fiction with literary heroes and monsters. And an
exploding TARDIS!

The story's final image is of the exploded TARDIS
reassembling in a black void...

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INT. MEMORY TARDIS

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Back to JAMIE and ZOE, sitting at the CRYSTAL CAMPFIRE,
buzzing after sharing their stories.

JAMIE

That was a scary one. Those
clockwork men gave me the shivers.
We got away by the skin of our
teeth.

ZOE

Story of our lives.
(beat)
And you got a different face.
Sorry about that.

JAMIE

Hey maybe we can go back there,
I'll swap this old one for
something new?

ZOE

No chance. Anyway, you look very
distinguished.

And they're smiling at each other.

JAMIE

Who'd have thought? A Highlander
and a President. Sitting here
sharing stories.

He kicks back, puts his feet up on an a pile of equipment.

JAMIE (CONT'D)

I could get used to this.

Zoe rises, determined.

ZOE

We can't stay forever, Jamie -
there's people who need us.

JAMIE

But what if we go back... and
forget all over again?

ZOE

Whatever this place is, it's
restored our memories. For good.
And I think... if we want to come
back here, all we have to do is
close our eyes... and remember it.

JAMIE

Maybe we're in Heaven.

ZOE

I should hope not. I'm a busy
woman.

JAMIE

Has Mrs President got time for
another story?

ZOE

(considers then sits)
Go on then. Do you remember the Ice
Warriors?

JAMIE

How could I forget? Great lumbering
lizards.

(MORE)

JAMIE (CONT'D)

Do you know, Victoria screamed her lungs out when she met them, almost brought down a mountain!

(fond)

I wonder if she's still out there somewhere.

ZOE

I bet she is. Maybe we all come here eventually... all the Doctor's friends.

JAMIE

I hope she had a nice life.

ZOE

I bet she thought of you every day. Because that's one thing I know for sure... that I will never, ever forget this again.

Jamie takes her hand.

And they sit there, as we TRACK AWAY from them --

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-- and the TARDIS spins away.

END OF EPISODE