

# **DOCTOR WHO 4**

## **Dreamland**

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1 **EXT. SPACE -- NIGHT**

1

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.

2 **EXT. EARTH, UPPER ATMOSPHERE -- DAY**

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The FLYING SAUCER is cutting through the upper atmosphere, its hull starting to glow with heat. It's a dangerous, deadly descent...

3 **EXT. NEW MEXICO DESERT -- DAY**

3

The FLYING SAUCER scores the sky above the desert. The air is filled with the roar of its descent, the scream of its failing engines.

It crashes spectacularly into the desert floor, kicking up a storm of sand, the flying saucer, half buried.

A sudden, utter silence falls over the scene.

ON SCREEN CAPTION: NEW MEXICO DESERT, JUNE 13, 1947 35 MILES NORTH OF ROSWELL

OVER: The roar of the TARDIS, as we...

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

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The sound of the TARDIS eases off.

A dusty desert road running through a two-bit town that never had the pleasure of better days.

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ON SCREEN CAPTION: DRY SPRINGS, NEVADA, 11 YEARS LATER

The only signs of life are the couple of beaten-up 1950s pick-up trucks parked outside the diner, SAMMY'S PITSTOP. And the sound of rock 'n' roll that spills from it.

5 **INT. DINER -- DAY**

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CLOSE ON: Coffee pouring into a cup. Beyond the dark brown stream, the diner's door - it suddenly bursts open: a tall, lean figure in a long coat is framed in silhouette against the harsh sunlight outside. A dramatic figure.

Behind the diner counter, 18 year old pretty waitress, CASSIE RICE turns to look. She's pouring coffee for a young guy in a leather jacket, Shoshoni Indian, JIMMY STALKINGWOLF. He too looks.

A moment of pure Wild West tension as the man in the long coat stands in the doorway. Then the rock 'n' roll on the jukebox finishes. And the man steps forward.

It's THE DOCTOR.

THE DOCTOR  
Howdy there, pardners!

Cassie and Jimmy exchange a look.

JIMMY CASSIE  
Howdy. How you doing?

The Doctor is breathing in the air.

THE DOCTOR  
The smell of fast food on the desert air. The perfume of America.

CASSIE  
Hey, are you British or something?

As the Doctor takes a seat at the bar next to Jimmy.

THE DOCTOR  
Something. That's me. Definitely. I was passing and I got the fancies. A bowl of chilli. The sort you only ever got in an American diner before 1962.

Jimmy and Cassie exchange another glance. He raises his eyebrows. Cassie smiles at the Doctor.

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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.

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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**

7

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

No way. It doesn't belong to you.

THE DOCTOR

(wary)

Not such a good idea to argue...

(to Mr Dread)

Hello, I'm the Doctor.

Mr Dread ignores.

MR DREAD

(to Cassie)

Give it to me!

As Jimmy gets in Mr Dread's way. Challenging.

JIMMY

Didn't you hear what the lady said?

THE DOCTOR

That's definitely not a good idea.

And Mr Dread throws Jimmy across the room with superhuman force. He crashes through the kitchen door.

JIMMY

Woah!!

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THE DOCTOR

Okay. Time to go!

The Doctor drags Cassie towards the kitchen door. Sonics a tray of eggs on the counter which explode over Mr Dread -distracting him, covering him in egg as the Doctor and Cassie escape.

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**EXT. REAR OF DINER -- DAY**

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MR DREAD bursts out of the back door as Jimmy's beat-up pick-up kicks up dust and hurtles down the road.

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**INT. JIMMY'S PICK-UP -- DAY**

9

JIMMY is driving, THE DOCTOR and CASSIE alongside him.

THE DOCTOR

Now, what was that about a monster?

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EXT. RANCHLAND PLAINS -- DAY

10

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!

The Doctor throws Jimmy and Cassie to the ground as the Viperox fires an organic spear from the orifice.

The spear flies over the Doctor, Jimmy and Cassie.

THE DOCTOR (CONT'D)

Run! Back to the pick-up!

The Doctor, Cassie and Jimmy run hell for leather towards the distant parked pick-up. But it's so far away.

Then - sweeping out of the skies - a military helicopter.

The Viperox swings around towards it.

THE DOCTOR (CONT'D)

Get down!

The Doctor, Cassie and Jimmy throw themselves to the ground as -

The helicopter fires a rocket.

The Viperox explodes.

The Doctor picks himself up as the helicopter lands. And two armed SOLDIERS are heading towards them, sub-machine guns in their hands.

The Doctor waves. Gives them his best smile.

THE DOCTOR (CONT'D)

Howdy! Perfect timing.

But the soldiers aren't smiling.

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SOLDIER ONE

Our orders are to take you with us.

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THE DOCTOR

Whose orders are those, then?

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SOLDIER TWO

Colonel Stark, sir.

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THE DOCTOR

Colonel Stark? And who's that, then?

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SOLDIER TWO

Commanding officer, Operation Fallen  
Angel, Groom Lake Army Air Base.

The Doctor starts to beam.

THE DOCTOR

What? You mean Area 51? Dreamland?  
Oh, I've always wanted to go there.

CASSIE

Doctor, no! People that go there.  
Civilians. They never come back.

JIMMY

I've heard all kinds of things about  
that place. And none of it's good.  
They say they've got aliens there from  
the Roswell crash.

The Doctor is still grinning.

THE DOCTOR

I know. I've always wanted to take a  
peek.

The Doctor beams at the soldiers.

THE DOCTOR (CONT'D)

Take me to your leader. Allons-y!

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Cassie and Jimmy exchange a look - *this guy is crazy!*

11 **EXT. NEVADA PANORAMA -- DAY**

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The helicopter swoops across the breathtaking Nevada  
Desert landscape.

12 **EXT. AERIAL SHOT. DREAMLAND BASE -- DAY**

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As the CAMERA passes over a range of mountains -  
stretching before us the huge Dreamland military base:

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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

13

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**

15

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.  
(MORE)

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THE DOCTOR (CONT'D)

But have you considered that you've got  
dangerous ten foot tall aliens out in  
the desert? And believe me, Colonel,  
where there's one Viperox there's at  
least a thousand more.

\*

Colonel Stark stares at the Doctor.

STARK

You know a great deal, Doctor. More  
than is good for you. But I'm going to  
fix that.

Stark twists a couple of valves by the door. There's the  
hiss of gas...

CASSIE

You can't do this! So help me, I'm  
going to tell the president!

Stark smiles icily.

STARK

Little lady, in ten minutes you won't  
know who the president is. You won't  
know who you are.

And Stark closes the door. The wheel spins. They're  
locked in. The gas continues to hiss.

Cassie and Jimmy struggle against the straps.

THE DOCTOR

Try to hold your breath. I just need  
a... a few more seconds.

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Then the Doctor has one hand free from the strap that's  
holding it. Quickly he's unbuckling the other.

JIMMY

How did you do that?

As he quickly unbuckles the straps holding his ankles.  
Jumps off the table and shuts off the gas valves.

THE DOCTOR

A little trick I learned off Houdini.

He starts to release Cassie.

CASSIE

Great, but we're still trapped.

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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.

THE DOCTOR

Are you going to stop calling me Doc. I'm the Doctor, all right. And you're not Bugs Bunny.

JIMMY

Hey...

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As the Doctor pushes open a grill in the shaft.

17 **INT. CORRIDOR -- CONTINUOUS**

17

THE DOCTOR jumps down from the ventilation shaft, and helps CASSIE and JIMMY down.

CASSIE

Where are we?

THE DOCTOR

Who am I, the Dreamland tour guide?  
Come on.

And he heads off down the corridor.

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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.

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**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!

23

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?

24

INT. HANGAR -- DAY

24

As THE DOCTOR, JIMMY and CASSIE surface. Into a ring of armed SOLDIERS, everyone aiming their guns right at them.

THE DOCTOR

It means you put your hands up and smile.

As he does so.

25

INT. STARK'S OFFICE -- DAY

25

STARK is still with LORD AZLOK, as they were. A radio crackles...

SOLDIER (O.S.)

(radio)

Colonel, the prisoners have been re-captured.

STARK

(into radio mic)

Don't let them get away again.

Stark ends the transmission. Turns on Lord Azlok.

STARK (CONT'D)

And you keep your... soldiers off the plains, Lord Azlok. I don't need this getting any more complicated.

LORD AZLOK

Viperox are not accustomed to taking orders from lesser species, Colonel. Or to their mistakes. See to it that you do not let us down.

26

INT. HANGAR -- DAY

26

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

A real live flying saucer!

THE DOCTOR

Yeah. Fancy taking her for a spin?

As the Doctor fires the sonic at the flying saucer. And a walkway drops down from underneath. He pushes Jimmy and Cassie towards it.

THE DOCTOR (CONT'D)

Quickly! Come on!

The soldiers turn their guns on them.

SOLDIER

Stop! Or we fire!

But the hatch closes after the escaping Doctor and companions.

Instantly there's a rising hum from the ship. The soldiers look back at each other, horrified.

SOLDIER (CONT'D)

Fall back! Fall back!

And as the soldiers back off the flying saucer lifts off its gantry support - then lurches forward at speed, smashing through the hanger doors spectacularly...

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EXT. DREAMLAND BASE -- CONTINUOUS

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... And hurtles across the base...

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EXT. NEVADA SKY -- CONTINUOUS

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... And into the sky.

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INT. FLYING SAUCER FLIGHT DECK -- CONTINUOUS

29

THE DOCTOR is in the pilot's chair, battling to control the ship as JIMMY and CASSIE cling to it for life.

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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**

32

Jets chasing the flying saucer. Firing.

THE DOCTOR (O.S.)

We've got company! Hang on!

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

33

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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THE DOCTOR  
Red lights never are!

34 **EXT. NEVADA LANDSCAPE -- DAY**

34

The flying saucer sweeps across the sky, dodging the fire of the pursuing jets.

35 **INT. FLYING SAUCER FLIGHT DECK -- DAY**

35

THE DOCTOR, JIMMY and CASSIE as they were. The console is lit up like a Christmas tree. And suddenly the flightdeck is filled with a whooping alarm.

THE DOCTOR  
Wonder if parachutes came as standard or an added option?

As the saucer pitches downward. Jimmy and Cassie cry out in horror.

36 **EXT. NEVADA LANDSCAPE -- CONTINUOUS**

36

The flying saucer is crash-diving towards the desert. The jets pull upwards.

The flying saucer comes in at a low angle, kicking up loads of sand, but no explosion. Digs into the desert floor.

The jets circle overhead.

FLIGHT LEADER (O.S.)  
Target has crash-landed.

37 **INT. STARK'S OFFICE -- CONTINUOUS**

37

STARK. On a microphone.

STARK  
Return to base... Command? I want a team out there. On the double. It's going to be dark soon. And whoever the Doctor is, I want to know how come he can escape in a spaceship the US Army hasn't figured out how to fly yet!

\*

AZLOK is watching CCTV on a monitor - a recording of the Doctor in the lab seeing the captive Grey alien.

LORD AZLOK  
Perhaps this Doctor is more than he appears.

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EXT. SOLITUDE MAIN STREET -- NIGHT

38

Solitude is a half-derelict ghost town. THE DOCTOR, JIMMY and CASSIE are approaching a board with the town's name and population. Over the years people have crossed out the number, and decreased it. Finally there were 4, then that was crossed out.

The Doctor notes the name and looks about him.

THE DOCTOR

Solitude. Well, it's certainly quiet and lonely.

JIMMY

Was a mining town a century back. No-one here now but the ghosts.

As the Doctor leads them into a derelict shop.

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INT. SHOP -- CONINUOUS

39

The shop is dark. A general store. But the shelves are empty. It's dusty and spooky.

THE DOCTOR takes the place in as CASSIE and JIMMY join him.

CASSIE

Nice place, Jimmy.

The Doctor discovers a dusty old kerosene lamp. Shakes it and smiles.

THE DOCTOR

Have you got a match?

JIMMY

Sure. Here.

He hands him a box of matches.

CASSIE

So what's going on, Doctor? If the military know about these alien things how come we're the enemy?

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The Doctor lights the kerosene lamp.

THE DOCTOR

I don't know. But I intend to find out. Tomorrow I'm going back to Dreamland.

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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.

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**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!!!

41

**INT. VIPEROX TUNNEL -- NIGHT**

41

THE DOCTOR is leading CASSIE with the kerosene lamp held high. The tunnel is burrowed earth.

THE DOCTOR

Don't make too much noise, Cassie.  
Remember what I said, the Viperox have a heightened sense of hearing.

CASSIE

Is Jimmy going to be all right?

THE DOCTOR

If the Viperox had wanted to kill him it would have done it back at Solitude.

They carry on into the tunnel.

42

**INT. VIPEROX HIVE -- NIGHT**

42

JIMMY, deep underground and as angry as he is scared, has been sealed into some sort of sticky cocoon that leaves his head and shoulders exposed, and the rest of him immobile. Two VIPEROX BATTLE DRONES stand guard over him.

JIMMY

What are you going to do with me, you big ugly garbage bugs?!

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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

Ahh, Doctor.

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THE DOCTOR

I've got a few things I'd like to ask you, as it happens. The most obvious being, if you're not here to invade it - what on Earth are you doing here?

Unseen by Azlok and the other Viperox, Cassie is behind Jimmy now, pulling apart the cocoon.

JIMMY

(surprised)

Huh?

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Azlok closes on the Doctor. His head tipping slightly to one side, listening.

LORD AZLOK

You are not of this world. I hear two hearts beating.

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THE DOCTOR

Then note their rhythm. I'm not scared of you. And whatever you're doing on Earth, I won't let you hurt its people.

LORD AZLOK

We seek only an enemy of our kind.

THE DOCTOR

Oh? And who's that, then?

CASSIE (O.S.)

Doctor, look out!

As Cassie throws the lit kerosene lamp. It breaks and spreads burning kerosene across the floor.

The Doctor breaks away from Azlok in the confusion and runs away with Cassie and Jimmy.

THE DOCTOR

Oh, come on...

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43

**INT. HIVE TUNNELS/QUEEN'S CHAMBER -- CONTINUOUS**

43

THE DOCTOR, JIMMY and CASSIE are running into complete darkness...

THE DOCTOR

(to Cassie)

What did you do that for?

CASSIE

It's called escaping, Doctor!

THE DOCTOR

I was that close to discovering what's going on here.

And Jimmy falls over in the dark, with a cry.

THE DOCTOR (CONT'D)

Jimmy!

They come to a stop as the Doctor pulls a small torch from his pocket and turns it on...

Jimmy has fallen over a large egg...

THE DOCTOR (CONT'D)

Oh. This isn't good.

And the torchlight illuminates Viperox eggs across the floor - thousands of them.

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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**

44

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**

45

The sun is rising. It's beautiful.

46

**EXT. SOLITUDE MINE -- MORNING**

46

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.

MR DREAD

Where is the ionic fusion bar?

THE DOCTOR

The gizmo from the crashed spacecraft? Sorry, lost that while we were being attacked by a Viperox Battle Drone.

MR DREAD

Where is it?

CASSIE

We haven't got it!

And Mr Dread pulls off his right hand. And reveals a hard-core laser gun extending from his arm.

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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

47

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 today?

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Jimmy is hugging NIGHT EAGLE.

JIMMY

Grandpa! Doctor, Cassie, this is my grandpa, Night Eagle.

CASSIE

Hey, that was kinda handy with those bows and arrows.

THE DOCTOR

Yes. Straight through the central processor units. One lucky shot I could believe. But four? You've met men like this before, haven't you, Night Eagle?

Night Eagle regards the Doctor carefully, then...

NIGHT EAGLE

We saw the disc fall from the skies and thought more had come.

THE DOCTOR

More of who?

48

**EXT. MOUNTAIN CAVES -- DAY**

48

NIGHT EAGLE leads THE DOCTOR, JIMMY and CASSIE along a narrow mountainside path towards a cave opening. The sun is beating down on them now, bleaching everything out. Night Eagle leads them into the cave.

49

**INT. CAVE CHAMBER -- DAY**

49

NIGHT EAGLE leads THE DOCTOR, JIMMY and CASSIE into a large chamber lit with several burning torches. At its heart, in a wooden armchair, a native American blanket wrapped around its thin shoulders, sits another GREY ALIEN - RIVESH MANTILAX. Sleeping.

THE DOCTOR

Oh, my...

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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.

50 **EXT. SPACE -- NIGHT**

50

FROM Scene 1 - the flying saucer being chased by other craft.

RIVESH MANTILAX (V.O.)

Her ship was attacked by pirates.

The pirates fire at the saucer.

51 **INT. FLYING SAUCER FLIGHT DECK -- NIGHT**

51

SARUBA VELAK fights to pilot the crashing ship. Earth looms, huge in the observation window.

RIVESH MANTILAX (V.O.)

She was an ambassador of my people. The pirates were paid to ensure she never reached her destination.

52 **EXT. NEW MEXICO DESERT -- DAY**

52

FROM Scene 3 - the flying saucer crashes into the desert.

53 **INT. CAVE CHAMBER -- DAY**

53

RIVESH MANTILAX looks at THE DOCTOR, there are tears in the alien's large black eyes.

RIVESH MANTILAX

She transmitted a distress signal, but by then we were at war.

THE DOCTOR

With the Viperox?

RIVESH MANTILAX

Yes. They had sabotaged the alliance my wife had tried to negotiate against them.

54 **EXT. ALIEN WORLD -- DAY**

54

Thousands of VIPEROX BATTLE DRONES rampage across the terrain of a savaged planet. A rag-tag army of GREYS fight back, but end up fleeing.

RIVESH MANTILAX (V.O.)

The war was long and savage and I had a duty to my people.

Behind a rock, panting, bloodied and terrified, RIVESH MANTILAX watches the destruction of his people.

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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**

55

CASSIE, JIMMY and NIGHT EAGLE stand watching as THE DOCTOR kneels listening to RIVESH MANTILAX.

RIVESH MANTILAX

When I could, I came for her.

THE DOCTOR

And, let me guess, the military had  
Saruba Velak - the Roswell crash - so  
they were already looking for more  
spaceships - and they shot you down.

RIVESH MANTILAX

Without provocation.

THE DOCTOR

(glancing at Jimmy)

Forgive them. They're primitive people,  
and scare easily.

CASSIE

We've seen your wife. She's alive.

RIVESH MANTILAX

Tell me that they have not harmed her!

THE DOCTOR

I think she's all right. And I'm going  
to get you both home - or, at least, to  
whatever might be left after a war with  
the Viperox.

They haven't been aware of COLONEL STARK and his soldiers  
arriving -

STARK

No, I don't think you will, Doctor.

THE DOCTOR

Colonel Stark.

STARK

On behalf of the United States  
Government thank you for leading us to  
this alien. You just helped me save the  
world.

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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**

56

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.

58

**INT. OPERATIONS ROOM/ LABORATORY-- CONTINUOUS**

58

THE DOCTOR, JIMMY, CASSIE and NIGHT EAGLE step into an operations room filled with communications and monitoring gear. Maps everywhere.

There's no Colonel Stark. Just LORD AZLOK.

Even the Doctor can't help his surprise, as the door closes behind them.

THE DOCTOR

Lord Azlok. What an unexpected displeasure.

CASSIE

What in heck are you doing here?

As COLONEL STARK steps in through another door.

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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**

59

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?

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**INT. OPERATIONS ROOM -- CONTINUOUS**

60

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 genetically targeted at the Viperox. To wipe us from the universe.

JIMMY

Doesn't sound like such a bad thing.

Lord Azlok closes on Jimmy, angry. The Doctor puts a hand on Jimmy's shoulder...

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THE DOCTOR

No, Jimmy, it is. A very bad thing.  
Who's to say one day even the Viperox  
won't discover a better way to exist?

CASSIE

But I don't get it, Colonel. Why are  
you in cahoots with the Viperox?

STARK

The weapon can be modified to destroy  
our enemies instead.

Stark indicates a map of the world - the sprawling Soviet Union is a large wash of Communist Red.

THE DOCTOR

You mean Russia?!

STARK

The Reds are sitting on a thousand nukes. And every one of 'em has Uncle Sam's name on it.

NIGHT EAGLE

The Russians will never fire them! They know as well as you, that would be the end of the world.

THE DOCTOR

Does President Eisenhower know about this plan?

STARK

Heck, the president doesn't even know aliens exist.

THE DOCTOR

Well, Anyway, it's irrelevant - as you don't have the weapon. Do you? \*

MR DREAD walks in. He's carrying the ionic fusion bar.

JIMMY

Hey! I thought he blew a gasket?!

THE DOCTOR

Awww, that's the trouble with robots - you can never be sure you've shut them down. And twist a few wires together and they're anybody's, isn't that right, Lord Azlok? \*

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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?

\*

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.

61 EXT. CORRIDOR -- DAY

61

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**

62

A door bursts open onto the flat roof of the building -  
THE DOCTOR rushes out. Runs across the roof.

Two helicopters suddenly rise either side of the  
building. Hover overhead.

The Doctor runs to the edge of the roof. He's trapped.

And STARK is there. Walking purposefully towards the  
trapped Doctor. Gun ready.

STARK

There's nowhere to go.

The Doctor holds the ionic fusion bar aloft.

THE DOCTOR

I'm not going to let you do this, Stark!  
If you trigger this weapon you will kill  
millions of innocent people.

STARK

You're talking like a Red. And there's  
only one cure for a Communist! And  
that's a bullet.

\*

The Doctor stares at the gun. Stark's finger tightens on  
the trigger.

63

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

63

COLONEL STARK stands, his gun on THE DOCTOR, who holds  
the ionic fusion bar. The helicopters still hover  
overhead.

THE DOCTOR

Listen to me, Colonel! You cannot trust  
Lord Azlok! There's a Viperox Queen  
giving birth to an army out there. Once  
this weapon is re-programmed there's  
nothing to stop them attacking Earth!

STARK

A bunch of super-sized cockroaches  
against tanks and bombers? I'd like to  
see them try it.

THE DOCTOR

Ask Rivesh Mantilax and Saruba Velak?  
Their technology is a thousand years  
ahead of Earth. They couldn't stop the  
Viperox. How will you?

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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?

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

STARK

(into the walkie-talkie)

This is Colonel Stark. Pull back.

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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.

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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

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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.

\*

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.

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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. MOUNTAININSIDE. 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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THE DOCTOR (CONT'D)

I need that weapon to deal with the Viperox. I need Rivesh Mantilax. And I need to go into that vault.

JIMMY

We're coming with you.

THE DOCTOR

No. I've got another job for you two.

67

**INT. THE VAULT ENTRANCE -- DAY**

67

Total darkness. The sound of a thunderous engine. The gigantic door of the vault rumbles open. Framing the tiny figures of THE DOCTOR and SARUBA VELAK. They step inside. The Doctor turns on a torch.

And the door closes behind them.

The Doctor's torch-beam picks out a gigantic warehouse of weirdness. It could go on for miles.

THE DOCTOR

This might take a while.

68

**INT. TOW TRUCK -- DAY**

68

JIMMY and CASSIE in the tow truck. He's driving.

JIMMY

What sort of big blue box is he gonna leave on the corner of Main Street?

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69

**EXT. NEVADA DESERT -- DAY**

69

The sun is sinking low in the desert sky as the tow truck rushes towards it.

70

**INT. THE VAULT -- DAY**

70

THE DOCTOR and SARUBA VELAK continue to explore the vast, cavernous vault in darkness lit only by his torch, space artefacts stacked and crated around them.

THE DOCTOR

I hope we find whatever it is we're looking for in time, Saruba Velak.

SARUBA VELAK

And then you will use the genetic weapon to destroy the Viperox? To scour them from the cosmos.

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THE DOCTOR

Well... It's not that simple -

The Doctor hears something... a low, strange buzzing noise.

THE DOCTOR (CONT'D)

Shh... did you hear that? \*

There it comes again.

The Doctor glances around him, alert, and ready for trouble.

71 **EXT. DRY SPRINGS, MAIN STREET -- DAY**

71

The tow truck has pulled up. JIMMY and CASSIE are leaning on the bonnet looking.

JIMMY

What in tarnation is it?

And we see the TARDIS.

CASSIE

I don't know. But, look, it's almost sunset.

72 **INT. THE VAULT -- NIGHT**

72

THE DOCTOR hands SARUBA VELAK the big torch, still peering into the dark beyond.

THE DOCTOR

Here. Keep looking. We have to save your husband.

He takes his smaller torch from a pocket. Clicks it on.

THE DOCTOR (CONT'D)

I'm going to see what's out there.

And he steps into the darkness.

73 **EXT. NEVADA DESERT -- NIGHT**

73

The desert, lit by a full moon. Tranquil... And then the sand begins to move. Things digging their way out...

74 **EXT. DRY SPRINGS, MAIN STREET -- NIGHT**

74

The TARDIS is on the back of the tow truck. CASSIE and JIMMY hear a scream - look down the street: VIPEROX swarming through the town, tearing it apart...

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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-shifting particles, but adopting the shape of some huge squid-like thing. Massive and frightening.

76

**INT. THE VAULT -- NIGHT**

76

THE DOCTOR stands alone, facing the colour-shifting creature that lurks in the Vault.

Suddenly excited SARUBA VELAK is at his side, she's carrying what looks like a crystal orb.

SARUBA VELAK

Doctor! I've found it!

The Doctor doesn't take his eye off the floating mass.

THE DOCTOR

Unfortunately, so have I.

Saruba Velak looks upwards and sees the mass for the first time.

SARUBA VELAK

What is that?

THE DOCTOR

They are Skorpius Flies. A billion of them. A giant, swarming brain.

SARUBA VELAK

If it's a brain we can communicate.

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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.

79

**EXT. NEVADA DESERT -- NIGHT**

79

We discover a line of tanks. Ranged against them are hordes of VIPEROX BATTLE DRONES...

The tanks all fire.

There are explosions among the surging Viperox. But they seem unstoppable, and countless. And then the first wave of Viperox break out their wings and swarm toward the CAMERA.

Overwhelming. Terrifying.

80

**INT. THE CRATE -- NIGHT**

80

SARUBA VELAK is holding THE DOCTOR's small torch as he works with the sonic screwdriver on the floor of the crate. He's popping rivets.

SARUBA VELAK

Your plan is to escape like a snail?  
How do we see where we're going?

THE DOCTOR

Who needs to see? Didn't you count your steps on the way in? Eighty four steps ahead, turn left, a hundred and two steps, turn right, sixty two steps. And we're at the door.

81

**INT. THE VAULT -- NIGHT**

81

The tentacled swarm of SKORPIUS FLIES still hangs in the air as the crate starts to move.

THE DOCTOR (O.S.)

Always count your steps, Saruba Valek, you never know when you might need to escape in a box.

The box moves off. The Skorpius flies stay where they are, oblivious.

82

**EXT. NEVADA DESERT -- NIGHT**

82

The tow truck is making its way across the desert, the TARDIS lying on the back. Behind them is a glow of fire - what's left of Dry Springs.

83

**INT. TOW TRUCK/ NEVADA DESERT -- CONTINUOUS**

83

JIMMY is driving. CASSIE is looking out the back window at the glow of burning Dry Springs. Tears in her eyes.

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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. MOUNTAININSIDE. 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.

88

**EXT. NEVADA DESERT - APPROACHING DREAMLAND -- NIGHT**

88

The jeep swerves to a halt. THE DOCTOR and SARUBA VELAK just stare for a moment.

THE DOCTOR

That doesn't look good. That doesn't look good at all.

And then we see - the Dreamland base is swarming with Viperox.

SARUBA VELAK

The base! We'll never get in there!

The Doctor stares, grim.

THE DOCTOR

We have to. Or Earth is finished.

89

**INT. DREAMLAND BASE. CORRIDORS -- NIGHT**

89

SOLDIERS firing at invading VIPEROX as they advance through the base. Their bullets just bounce off. The soldiers turn and run.

90

**INT. OPERATIONS ROOM -- NIGHT**

90

COLONEL STARK is still at the centre of operations. The SERGEANT is with him. There are the sounds of gunfire beyond the room.

SERGEANT

They've taken all but the lowest levels, sir.

And the door of the operations room suddenly bursts inwards. VIPEROX BATTLE DRONES storm in.

Stark has his gun in his hand.

And LORD AZLOK enters.

LORD AZLOK

Colonel Stark. So pleasant to see you again.

Stark's finger tightens on the trigger...

And another battle drone suddenly bursts through the wall behind him.

Stark turns in surprise and horror and cries out...

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91

EXT. NEVADA DESERT - APPROACHING DREAMLAND -- NIGHT

91

THE DOCTOR and SARUBA VELAK continue to watch the devastation.

SARUBA VELAK

The soldiers cannot stop the Viperox.  
Nothing can.

As a honking horn announces the arrival of the tow truck, and the TARDIS. The Doctor beams.

THE DOCTOR

Oh, no? Just watch me!

92

INT. OPERATIONS ROOM -- NIGHT

92

COLONEL STARK is being held between two VIPEROX BATTLE DRONES. LORD AZLOK is in his face.

LORD AZLOK

Tell me where the weapon is. It is useless to you with Rivesh Mantilax dead.

STARK

Go to hell you over-fed roach!

Lord Azlok smiles viciously. Then tips his head, thinking...

LORD AZLOK

Unless, of course, Rivesh Mantilax survives?

93

EXT./INT NEVADA DESERT - APPROACHING DREAMLAND/TARDIS -- NIGHT

The TARDIS lands with a thud in the dust as JIMMY unloads it from the truck.

THE DOCTOR

Oi! Steady on!

CASSIE

So what's the big deal with the blue box?

The Doctor smiles at her and opens the TARDIS door.

THE DOCTOR

Take a look.

Cassie sees the TARDIS interior. Her eyes pop. Tentatively, she steps in.

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. The Doctor and the others watch as the crystal begins to glow, then suddenly envelops the two aliens in an almost blinding rainbow luminescence that fills the room. The Doctor and the others shield their eyes.

And then it's gone.

And Rivesh Mantilax opens his eyes.

RIVESH MANTILAX

Saruba Velak.

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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).

THE DOCTOR

Thank you.

And he uses the sonic on it.

As LORD AZLOK and VIPEROX BATTLE DRONES crash through the ceiling of the room.

Everyone cries out.

\*

The Doctor dives for the TARDIS with the genetic device in his hand. Lord Azlok goes after him. Jimmy leaps at Lord Azlok.

They crash through the open doors of the TARDIS.

96 **INT. TARDIS -- NIGHT**

96

THE DOCTOR pulls a cable from beneath the console. Turns and sees LORD AZLOK in the doorway of the TARDIS, with JIMMY in his arms, threatening him with a claw.

LORD AZLOK

Trigger the device, and he dies.

THE DOCTOR

I'm not going to destroy the Viperox Horde. Believe me. I can't.

\*

LORD AZLOK

Because you are weak.

THE DOCTOR

Because you're still an evolving species. One day something incredible is going to happen. You will change. Become peace-loving.

Lord Azlok laughs.

LORD AZLOK

This is madness.

THE DOCTOR

And this, Lord Azlok, is my ship. She might have a few trillion light years on the clock, the chameleon circuit doesn't work and the temporal sat-nav is always on the blink - but, do you know what?

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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.

\*

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.

100

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

Are you sure?

THE DOCTOR

Well, I tweaked the weapon to attack the Viperox nervous system on an ultra-sonic level. Nothing deadly, just really annoying. The TARDIS was just a big amplifier, but this will do the trick for you now. Keep the bugs out of the house - by a light year. Or your money back.

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STARK

On behalf of the United States Government, Doctor, thank you.

He salutes the Doctor, who tries to stop him...

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THE DOCTOR

No. No, don't...oh, yeah, well, like I said, the Viperox are going to change their ways. I hope you do too, Colonel Stark. The Russians are nice people. And so are some aliens.

\*

A sound makes them all turn - the flying saucer the Doctor stole once more lifts off. And hovers. They wave.

THE DOCTOR (CONT'D)

Awww, doesn't look too bad with the dints knocked out of it, does it?

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And the flying saucer streaks off into the sky.

STARK

I guess I'm going to have to trust you people to keep quiet.

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CASSIE

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

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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  
might need some help cleaning up after  
the Viperox hit town. Why don't you  
give her a hand?

Jimmy smiles and takes Cassie's hand.

JIMMY

She's got it.

They smile at each other. Look back, and the Doctor has  
gone inside the TARDIS.

THE DOCTOR (O.S.)

Allons-y!

As the engines roar and the TARDIS de-materializes.

**THE END**