

EXT. SURVEY OUTPOST DAY

The Geological Survey Outpost. Cold. Sinister. Inhospitable. Apparently deserted.

A board names it: ARCTIC GEOLOGICAL SURVEY BASE, ZEBRA BAY.

The TARDIS materializes within the quadrant of pre-fabricated buildings, snowcats, and a watchtower.

THE DOCTOR and AMY step out of the TARDIS.

AMY

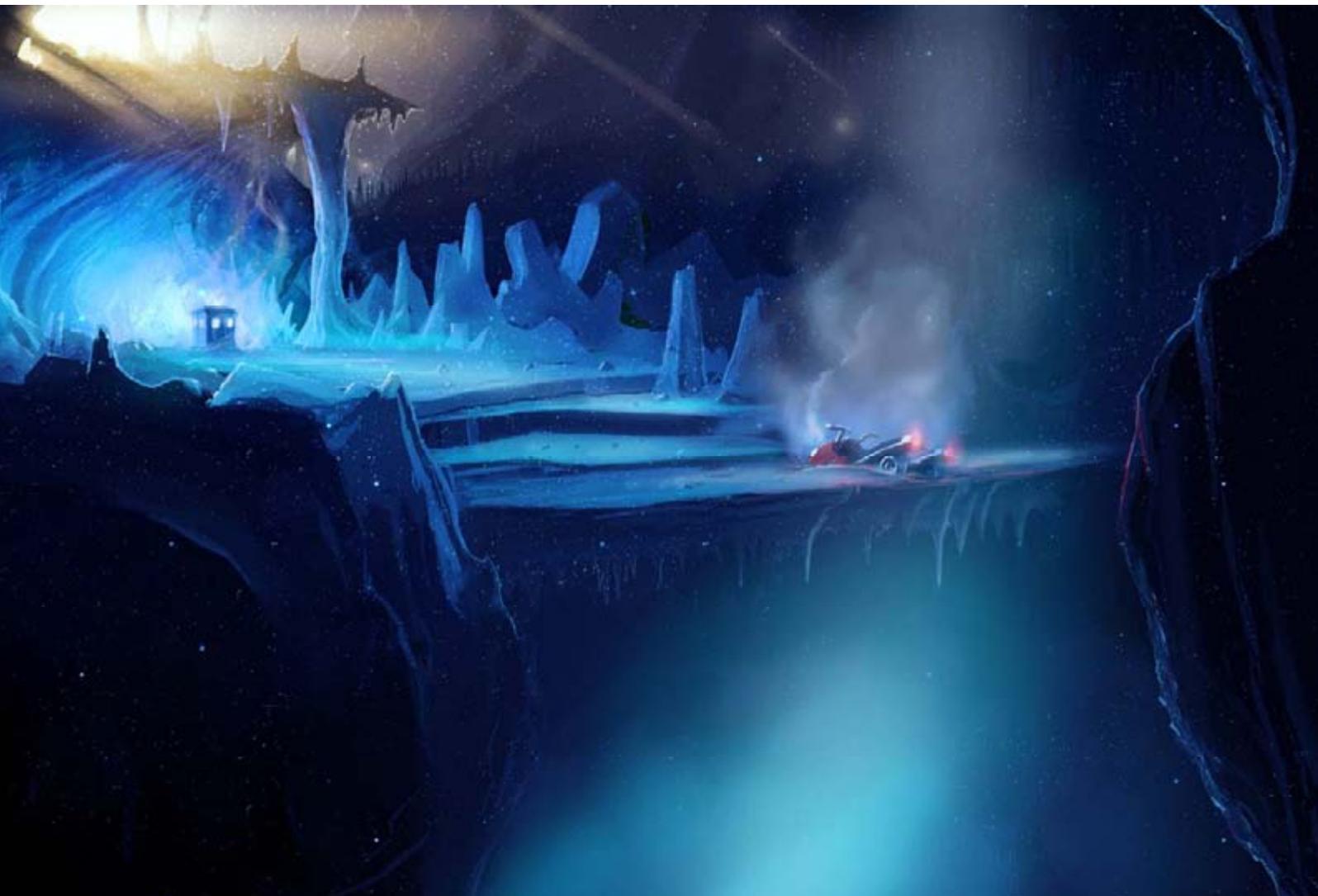
"Doctor, did you ever see The Thing?"

THE DOCTOR

"The Carpenter Kurt Russell Thing or the Howard Hawks Thing-y with the walking carrot?"

THE DOCTOR

"Not sure I see your point, any way."



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As CHISHOLM stumbles out of the TARDIS...

CHISHOLM

"You brought me back! They'll
get us all!"

The Doctor tries to calm him...

THE DOCTOR

"I give you my word. I'll
protect you - whatever you're
talking about, I can help. I
promise."

CHISHOLM

"How? They got everybody -

THE DOCTOR

"What got them?"

AMY

"And changed them into what?"

CHISHOLM

"Like robots - slaves -
cyberslaves."

THE DOCTOR

"Cyberslaves?"

And something is crawling up unaware Chisholm's back, a CYBERMAT.
Chisholm screams out as the Cybermat bites his neck.

CHISHOLM

"SCREAM! "



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Then hurls the cybermat at the ground - near Amy.

The Doctor throws himself at Amy -

THE DOCTOR

"Amy! Get out of the way!"

But the cybermat runs away. Fast. Under the base buildings.

AMY

"What was that?"

THE DOCTOR

"A cybermat."

AMY

"If that's anything like a mousemat, it didn't look like one."

THE DOCTOR

"Weird. I've seen them kill before - but never turn people into... robots. That's new. That's fascinating. Why would they do that?"

Chisholm, staggers back, his hand to his wounded neck...

THE DOCTOR

"Let me take a look."

CHISHOLM

"No! Get away! Get away from me! And get out of here!"

THE DOCTOR

"You have to let me help you."

But Chisholm throws the Doctor aside with almost supernatural strength.

CHISHOLM

"It's too late for me now!"

And Chisholm runs for the watchtower as Amy goes to the Doctor.

AMY

"What's going on here?"

The Doctor gets up dusting himself off - as Chisholm shuts himself off in the watchtower...

The Doctor looks from the watchtower to the main base buildings.

THE DOCTOR

"I think the answer to that is in there."

And he heads towards the buildings. Amy follows.

AMY

"Yeah. Of course. It would be."

