

DW VR PROJECT

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INT. TARDIS - SPACE

1 YOU wake up. THE DOCTOR checks you over. 1

THE DOCTOR
Excellent, you're awake!

2 THE DOCTOR steps back from you. 2

THE DOCTOR (CONT'D)
I'm the Doctor - nice to meet you.
You got caught in a bit of a flying
alien versus space vehicle
accident. Got a nasty knock to the
head and a twist to the ankle. And
the knee. Your hip didn't come out
of it too well either so basically,
what I'm saying is, don't move.
I'll get you home soon but - if you
want to get there in one piece you
have to stay calm. Like calmer-than-
you've-ever-been-before calm.

3 THE DOCTOR talks in a slightly louder, but very soothing, 3
ever so calm, there's nothing to see here voice.

THE DOCTOR (CONT'D)
In fact, we're all going to stay
really calm. A bit of music should
help keep things relaxed.

4 THE DOCTOR points the sonic screwdriver at the console. HEAVY 4
METAL MUSIC fills the TARDIS! The lights TURN RED AND FLASH!

5 Woah! The Doctor points the sonic - the music goes off. 5

THE DOCTOR (CONT'D)
Sorry! Love that track. Great for
cardio.

6 She points the sonic and tries again - 6

7 BIG AFROBEATS! 7

THE DOCTOR (CONT'D)
No! Sorry!

8 She tries once more - ahh, soothing classical. Lights change 8
to CALMING GREEN.

THE DOCTOR (CONT'D)
Ah, that's better, I can feel both
hearts slowing right down. Now that
we are all officially 100% mellow,
there's someone I want you to meet.

9 THE DOCTOR disappears, and then reappears pushing some sort 9
of Doctor-fashioned base station unit, above which hovers --

10 VOLTA! A swirling BALL OF LUMINESCENT ENERGY! Beautiful, 10
extraordinary, jaw-dropping.

11 Volta is being held by the unit - its energy harnessed by it -11
so it sways gently above the unit as the Doctor walks.

THE DOCTOR (CONT'D)

This is Volta. Volta's an Engarian.
They're made of pure energy. Its
like capturing the electricity
inside a person. Without the
person. Or the electricity. They're
stable in their home galaxy but
when they're anywhere else - well,
they can get a bit explodey.
Especially when they're upset. And
when I say explodey I mean - worst
case scenario - they can turn into
a sort of black hole, create a
gravitational vortex so strong and
immense and powerful that they
could destroy this entire galaxy.
BUT none of that's going to happen,
because of all of that lovely
staying calm we're doing.

She fiddles with a few clamps and dials. There is a big
orange light in the middle of the rig.

THE DOCTOR (CONT'D)

(proud)

Made it myself. The rig - not Volta
- obviously. Its the only way I
could keep all that energy
contained. Its wobbly but it should
last until we get Volta home -
that's the only place he isn't a
danger.

14 Beat. She looks up at him in wonder. 14

THE DOCTOR (CONT'D)

Absolutely gorgeous, isn't he?

15 **When YOU look directly at VOLTA it reacts to your glance (eg 15**
changes colours and emits a nervous sound).

THE DOCTOR (CONT'D)

He's a bit scared.

(to Volta)

Not surprising when you run away
from home, is it?

16 VOLTA 'talks' to THE DOCTOR. Its a strange, high-pitched 16
whale-like sound, melodic and weird.

THE DOCTOR (CONT'D)

Oh, I know Volta. I know you just wanted to explore but its not safe for you out here. Some people think you're dangerous and will try to hurt you. And your mum and dad are worried sick - they won't be angry, I promise. They just want you home. It's ok - I'll be with you.

17 THE DOCTOR is about to pull the console lever when - 17
 18 THUD! The TARDIS SHAKES - something MASSIVE has just 18
 clattered into the side of it!
 19 Warning mode! Red lights. An ALARM BLARES. BEEP. BEEP. BEEP. 19
 20 THE DOCTOR springs into action, and presses a button on the 20
 console which brings up a SMALL HOLOGRAM over the desk.
 21 The Doctor looks at this, then SWINGS around to the BIG 21
 SCREEN, which is showing the TARDIS in space --

Two ships surround the TARDIS!

THE DOCTOR (CONT'D)

Uh oh - look at this! The Special Positron Undercover Death Squad - SPUDS! They hunt down and destroy anyone or anything that threatens the stability of the universe. And insanelly combustibile thermodynamically charged balls of runaway energy that are so on edge that they could take out the entire galaxy are definitely on the list.

22 SCREEN/HOLOGRAM: One of the ships DRIVES into the TARDIS. 22
 23 BANG! SHRIEK! The TARDIS jolts once more. 23
 24 VOLTA starts to turn red and tremble. It makes another scared 24
 sound. Starts flitting, pulling away from the rig.

THE DOCTOR (CONT'D)

Volta - I won't let them hurt you, I promise.

25 A YELLOW SPOTLIGHT beams through the TARDIS wall! Honing in 25
 around The DOCTOR! She skips around, trying to dodge the
 light but eventually it locks onto her!

THE DOCTOR (CONT'D)

(annoyed with herself)

Ooh, thought I nearly had that.

26 It searches her up, down. Beat. Then sweeps on. 26

THE DOCTOR (CONT'D)

Listen, SPUDS will be searching for erratic, unstable energy waves so be chill and work on your breathing.

27 Its passes over YOU, up, down. Beat. Sweeps on. 27

The SPOTLIGHT finds VOLTA and stops. Searches up and down.

29 Beat. Then up and down again. TURNS RED and a KLAXON! 29

THE DOCTOR (CONT'D)

Volta, it's ok. Just please - stay calm.

30 BING BONG. An airport style tannoy fills the TARDIS. 30

SPUD CONTROL

A volatile life-force has been detected onboard this ship. You are in strict violation of CODE 27592KJGD9. Please hand over all explosive items immediately or your vehicle and its contents will be destroyed.

(Beat)

You have 30 seconds to comply.

31 VOLTA starts growing, changing colour -- a fiery ball of fearful energy. The Doctor - on the move towards you -- 31

THE DOCTOR

Oookay - we need to get a shift on and get Volta home. I'll take his mind off things and you fly the TARDIS. Take this --

(hands you the sonic)

This is my sonic screwdriver - very valuable, don't break it. It's on pilot settings. Use it to steer the TARDIS - and go like the clappers.

32 THE DOCTOR presses a button. A FULL SCREEN HOLOGRAM appears. 32

THE DOCTOR (CONT'D)

Try to shake the SPUDS in the junk field.

33 **YOU fly the TARDIS - SPUDS pursuing - through the junk field.** 33

34 As you are flying, the Doctor is talking to Volta, trying to calm him down, and keeping an eye on you. 34

THE DOCTOR (CONT'D)

Volta, did I tell you about the last time that I met one of your lot?

(MORE)

I was coming back from seeing my mates on Kellarfion 12 and flew into this massive, mad space-ship race. Like, whacky races with warp drive. Anyway, someone - naming no names but it was a Vespiform called Tony - sabotaged the TARDIS, but a passing Engarian gave me a jump start! She was really nice, actually. It practically took the roof off but I went like a rocket after that. Would have won if Tony hadn't cheated - again. Seriously, when I catch up with him -

ALT (quieter, less verbal) VERSION. (Both to be recorded).

THE DOCTOR (CONT'D)

Ookay Volta - let's do some nice, calming breathing exercises.

(Volta responds)

You don't actually breathe? Course you don't.

(Beat)

Wanna learn?

(Volta squeak)

Great. Copy me.

The DOCTOR breathes in, breathes out. Breathes in, and out.

Volta responds to that rhythm visually - changing colours, calming down.

THE DOCTOR (CONT'D)

Well done - you're getting the hang of this.

They continue until --

35 YOU see an arrow and mark on the map - THE DOCTOR shouts - 35

THE DOCTOR (CONT'D)

- that's it! Volta's planet. Well done! We're nearly there -

36 YOU fly towards the arrow. A SHIP APPEARS IN FRONT OF YOU! 36

THE DOCTOR (CONT'D)

Ah. Not ideal.

37 THWACK!CRUNCH! The screech of metal grinding along the TARDIS 37 wall. STRONG SHAKE - YOU are thrown out of the hologram.

SPUD CONTROL

Destruction sequence activated.

38 All the lights in the TARDIS suddenly power down! The only 38 light is coming from Volta.

THE DOCTOR

OI! Turn my lights back on! Rude.

39 She starts padding her coat pockets, looking for something. 39

40 DESK HOLOGRAM & SCREEN: Ships surround the TARDIS. A HARPOON 40
LINE grips firm to the TARDIS. Another line flies out.

41 THE DOCTOR finds her torch - an old miner's headlamp - puts 41
it on. She tries the console but the TARDIS doesn't shift.

THE DOCTOR (CONT'D)

We're stuck! Psychotic death squads
outside. An alien bomb inside.
I've had calmer days.

42 ANOTHER METAL SHRIEK! SPARKS and DUST fire off the console! 42

43 VOLTA panics! Pulling and straining away from the rig. 43

44 THE DOCTOR ducks down, comes back up with a cardboard box, 44
and dumps the contents on the console.

45 Six or seven items tumble out - a flamenco dancer's fan, a 45
foghorn, a cuddly toy, a spray, a disco lights ball, etc.

THE DOCTOR (CONT'D)

(pointing torch to items)
Try to calm Volta down. There must
be something in here - it's lost
property from a very very fun party
I had in here a while ago but
that's another story. Something
might work but don't touch Volta!
He'll incinerate you. Use the
sonic. Point it at an object and
lift it. I'll buy us some time.

46 **You try the different items on VOLTA. Each of them causes a** 46
different reaction (eg changing colour or making sound).

47 THE DOCTOR heads to the console -- starts flicking switches, 47
twirling dials, punching buttons, moving around it at speed.

THE DOCTOR (CONT'D)

Right...twist that...
(grunts with effort)...
pull that...and turn
this, then that should...

Sparks FLY OFF the console!

THE DOCTOR (CONT'D)

(to the TARDIS)
Oh come on you - be nice!
(new thought)
Oh I know...

48 She gets stuck in again. The console desk starts to WHIRR into action - the WHIRRS reach fever pitch and then - 48

THE DOCTOR (CONT'D)
(to you)
Right. Brace yourself.

49 A light SHOOTs out from the console - an EMP blast! Rippling out across the whole space! 49

50 It hits VOLTA, who sways back with the force. (The base station take the hit too - a bit of it crumples?). 50

51 THE DOCTOR quickly pulls a lever and the TARDIS lurches off, super-fast. The lights flicker back to normal. 51

THE DOCTOR (CONT'D)
(taking off torch)
Whooo!! The old electromagnetic pulse trick! Admit it, I'm pretty good, right?! The SPUDS are officially toast. Or mash. You know what I mean. Point is, they can't catch us now.

52 The DOCTOR flicks a few more switches - looks at the screen - 52

THE DOCTOR (CONT'D)
And here we are! Volta's home galaxy. Only thing now is to find some decent parking. Right, Volta?

53 THE DOCTOR turns and looks at Volta. 53

THE DOCTOR (CONT'D)
Volta?

54 On VOLTA - he has grown in size and is A LOT hotter and brighter and more fiery than before. Burning up! 54

THE DOCTOR (CONT'D)
The EMP! What was I thinking?! It must have interacted with his internal energy combustion - I've just sent him critical! We need to get him out of the TARDIS before he loses control!

55 VOLTA pulls and strains but can't get free - he is getting more and more worked up and frantic. 55

THE DOCTOR (CONT'D)
Volta - hang on! I'll get you out -

56 THE DOCTOR presses buttons and tries to release Volta, but - nothing! It won't work! 56

THE DOCTOR (CONT'D)

It's broken! The EMP fried the circuits! He's trapped. And if he's trapped, he can't get outside to stabilise - and if he can't stabilise --

57 VWOOP. VOLTA suddenly shrinks to a tiny floating ball. 57

THE DOCTOR (CONT'D)

Ah. You know that sort of black hole I mentioned?

58 A deep, low BOOM! And -- 58

59 WHOOMP. VOLTA suddenly EXPLODES into a black hole state. 59

THE DOCTOR (CONT'D)

There it is!

60 AIR starts rushing all around. The force is IMMEDIATE and HUGE - the TARDIS door whacks open INWARDS, and anything loose is drawn towards Volta - and DISAPPEARS into him! 60

61 Debris WHIRLS IN THE AIR - 61

THE DOCTOR (CONT'D)

Hang on!

62 Grabbing hold of the console, the Doctor's feet LIFT off the floor! She is pulled towards Black Hole Volta! 62

Your strapped-up leg appears, PULLING towards Volta!

63 THE DOCTOR waves with one hand, trying to get your attention. YOU still have the sonic in your hand. 63

THE DOCTOR (CONT'D)

Use the sonic! Point it at the big orange button! It'll drain some energy! You do that, and I'll try to reverse the effect of the EMP --

64 **YOU lift the sonic, point it at the big orange light on VOLTA's rig and press the button.** 64

65 THWUMP! An energy dump surges from Volta -- and shoots into the Time Crystal, which flares orange. 65

66 Volta momentarily reduces in size and ferocity -- but then he immediately starts to charge up again. 66

THE DOCTOR (CONT'D)

That's it! Keep doing that!

67 **As YOU keep doing this,** The DOCTOR is tweaking and twirling dials and knobs on the console - all to no effect. 67

THE DOCTOR (CONT'D)

Gnah! Not working!

(tries again - no luck)

Alright then - I'm going old skool!

69 She starts KICKING and PULLING at the rig itself! Straining 69
hard to inflict damage! Herculian effort! GRUNTS and GROANS!

71 And...CRUNCH! The DOCTOR rips away a bit of the console! 71

72 THWORP! BLACK HOLE VOLTA breaks free from the rig -- RACES 72
towards the door - and he's gone!

74 YOU and THE DOCTOR and everything else fall to the ground. 74
THE DOCTOR looks at you. Panic over.

THE DOCTOR (CONT'D)

There you go! One Engarian,
delivered back home, safe and
sound. Easy.

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76 The Doctor gets up, dusting off her coat, coming towards you. 76

THE DOCTOR (CONT'D)

Let's check he found Mum and Dad.

77 As she goes past you towards the door, VOLTA swooshes back in 77
his true, original, untethered form. Pure energy dances and
sweeps all around the TARDIS, bathing it in a gorgeous light.

THE DOCTOR (CONT'D)

Hey, look at you!

78 VOLTA speaks and swooshes, communicating joy and thanks. 78

THE DOCTOR (CONT'D)

You're welcome.

(more squeaks)

Told you. No place like home.

79 MUM and DAD SWOOSH in! A kaleidoscope of colours and energy 79
EVERYWHERE, and a MELODIC, HARMONIOUS SOUND, as they sing as
one. The TARDIS in a joyous celebration of light and sound!

THE DOCTOR (CONT'D)

Ah, hello mum and dad! Amazing.

80 One final goodbye, then they are off, swooshing out the door. 80

THE DOCTOR (CONT'D)

Well. That's one way to start the
day. Right then! Time to get you
home...or maybe...

(she looks up, smiling)

One more trip? What do you say?

81 FADE TO BLACK, FADE UP ENGARIAN LIGHT SHOW FOR CREDITS. 81 *