FX SHOT. GALLIFREY - DAY

FX: LONG FX SHOT, craning up to reveal the mountains of Gallifrey, as Ep.3.12 sc.40. But now transformed; the mountains are burning, a landscape of flame. The valley's a pit of fire, cradling the hulks of broken spaceships. Keep craning up to see, beyond; the Citadel of the Time Lords. The glass dome now cracked and open.

CUT TO:

INT. CITADEL - DAY

FX: DMP WIDE SHOT, an ancient hallway, once beautiful, high vaults of stone & metal. But the roof is now broken, open to the dark orange sky, the edges burning. Bottom of frame, a walkway, along which walk THE NARRATOR, with staff, and 2 TIME LORDS, the latter pair in ceremonial collars.

FX: NEW ANGLE, LONG SHOT, the WALKWAY curves round, Narrator & Time Lords now following the curve, heading towards TWO HUGE, CARVED DOORS, already open. A Black Void beyond.

CUT TO:

INT. BLACK VOID

FX: OTHER SIDE OF THE HUGE DOORS, NARRATOR & 2 TIME LORDS striding through. The Time Lords stay by the doors, on guard; lose them, and the doors, as the Narrator walks on.

FX: WIDE SHOT of the Black Void - like Superman's Krypton, the courtroom/Phantom Zone scenes - deep black, starkly lit from above. Centre of the Void: a long table, with 5 TIME LORDS in robes (no collars) seated.

The Narrator - now designated THE LORD PRESIDENT - reaches the table. He puts down his staff, loosens his robes - underneath, a battered, black flack-jacket; this man is a warrior. One hand is sheathed in a BLUE-METAL GAUNTLET.

Amongst those seated; THE CHANCELLOR, male, 45, thin, worried; THE PARTISAN, female, 50, calm, shrewd.

LORD PRESIDENT
What news of the Doctor?

CHANCELLOR
Disappeared, my Lord President.

PARTISAN
But we know his intention. He still possesses the Moment. And he'll use it, to destroy Daleks and Time Lords alike.

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CHANCELLOR
The Visionary confirms it...

At the far end of the table; THE VISIONARY. Female, 50, insane, swathed in more witch-like robes. Her face covered with henna tattoos. She scribbles constantly on old parchments with a quill-like pen, muttering (her voice muttering always, a constant undercurrent throughout):

VISIONARY
...ending, burning, falling, all of it falling, the black and pitch and screaming fire, so burning...

CHANCELLOR
All her prophecies say the same. That this is the final hour. That Gallifrey falls; that we die, today.

VISIONARY
...ending ending ending ENDING!

Silence. Then:

PARTISAN
Perhaps it's time. This is only the furthest edge of the Time War. But at its heart, millions die every second. Lost in bloodlust and insanity. With Time itself then resurrecting them, to find new ways of dying, over and over again. We have become a travesty of life. Isn't it better to end it? At last?

LORD PRESIDENT
Thank you for your opinion.

He lifts his GAUNTLET -

FX: it shines, with a METALLIC BLUE LIGHT -

FX: PARTISAN convulses, in pain, swirls away, into nothing.

LORD PRESIDENT (CONT'D)
Now. You were saying?

Silence. All too scared. Then, suddenly furious:

LORD PRESIDENT (CONT'D)
I will not die. Do you hear me?!
A billion years of Time Lord history riding on our backs, I will not let this perish, I will not!

The Chancellor's panicky, goes to the Visionary, takes a scroll - she keeps scribbling - takes it to the President.

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CHANCELLOR
...there is, um... there's one part of the prophecy, my Lord. I'm sorry, it's rather difficult to decipher, but... It talks of two survivors, beyond the Final Day. Two children of Gallifrey.

LORD PRESIDENT
Does it name them?

CHANCELLOR
It foresees them locked in their final confrontation. The Enmity of Ages. Which would suggest...

LORD PRESIDENT
The Doctor. And the Master.

CHANCELLOR
But one word keeps being repeated. One, constant word, my Lord:
(pause)
Earth.

VISIONARY
...earth earth earth earth earth...

CHANCELLOR

FX: WIDE SHOT, BLACK VOID, and an IMAGE OF THE EARTH appears, above the table.

All looking up at the image:

LORD PRESIDENT
Maybe that's where the answer lies. Our salvation. On Earth...

FX: SLOW ZOOM IN to the image of EARTH.

CUT TO:

INT. NAISMITH'S STUDY - DAY 4

CLOSE UPS on STRAPS, being tightened.

BUCKLES, clicked into place.

ROPEs, being tied tight.

REVEAL THE DOCTOR. Bound to the upright Hannibal Lecter-trolley, now with extra ropes. Wide-eyed, helpless, the leather strap across his mouth. THE MASTER leaning in.
CONTINUED:

THE MASTER
Now then. I've got a planet to run. Is everybody ready?!

He turns - there's a WIDESCREEN MONITOR now installed; one VISORED GUARD on duty throughout.

CUT TO the Doctor throughout sc.6-11. Trapped, staring, speechless, as the world goes to hell.

CUT TO:

INT. THE GATE ROOM - DAY 4

FX: NAISMITH-MASTER, and 3 TECHNICIAN-MASTERS (the Technician-Masters stay on duty throughout all Gate Room scenes, but mostly working on the computers, with backs to camera for 'normal' shots). Also, 3 NS VISORED GUARDS on duty, same height & build as the Master. NB, when not an FX shot, everyone on singles.

All new Masters automatically defer to the original Master. To the wall-screen:

NAISMITH-MASTER
Six billion, seven hundred and twenty seven million, nine hundred and forty nine thousand, three hundred and thirty eight versions of us, all awaiting orders!

CUT TO:

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INT. WHITE HOUSE PRESS ROOM - DAY 4

THE PRESIDENT-MASTER to CAMERA:

PRESIDENT-MASTER
This is Washington! As President of the United States, I can transfer all United Nations protocols to you, immediately, putting you in charge of all the Earth's defences.

CUT TO:

INT. UNIT HQ, GENEVA - NIGHT 4

GENERAL-MASTER - ie, formerly a UNIT General - to CAMERA:

GENERAL-MASTER
UNIT HQ, Geneva reporting - all under your command, sir!

CUT TO:
10 INT. CHINESE MILITARY COMMAND - NIGHT 4

The CHINA-MASTER - formerly a Chinese General - to CAMERA:

CHINA-MASTER
And this is the Central Military Commission in Beijing, sir! With
over 2.5 million soldiers, sir!
(calls out)
Present arms!

CUT TO:

11 EXT. PARADE GROUND - NIGHT 4

FX: huge stretch of tarmac, filled with the MASTER-ARMY.
100 IDENTICAL MASTER-SOLDIERS, all in Chinese army uniform.
They present arms, all in unison.

CUT TO:

12 INT. NAISMITH'S STUDY - DAY 4

THE MASTER
Enough soldiers and weapons to
turn this planet into a warship!
(the Doctor gagged)
Nothing to say? What's that,
Doctor? Pardon? Sorry?

The Doctor just staring. Furious.

WILF
Let him go! You swine!

REVEAL WILF, tied to a chair; a distance away from the
Doctor, they're being kept apart.

THE MASTER
Your dad's still kicking up a fuss.

WILF
I'd be proud if I was!

THE MASTER
Hush now. Listen to your Master.

But then...

A phone is ringing. A mobile.

Which is wrong.

THE MASTER (CONT'D)
...is that...? But it's a mobile.

WILF
It's mine, let me switch it off.

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THE MASTER
No, I don't think you understand.
Everyone on this planet is me.
And I'm not phoning you, so who
the hell is that?!

With Wilf tied up, the Master digs in his jacket pockets -

WILF
It's no one, it's nothing, it's
just one of those ring-back things -

THE MASTER
Oh, and look at this! Good man!

Out of one pocket - the old SERVICE REVOLVER. The Doctor surprised! But the Master just throws it away -

Gets out Wilf's mobile, reads the screen:

THE MASTER (CONT'D)
"Donna"! Who's "Donna"?

WILF
She's no one, just leave it -

The Master clicks on the phone, listens without speaking -

DONNA
Gramps, don't hang up, you've got
to help me -

SCENE CONTINUES INTERCUT WITH -

CUT TO:

EXT. ALLEYWAY - DAY 4

A wide, long, deserted alleyway in Chiswick. DONNA hidden
in a corner, whispering on her mobile:

DONNA
- I ran out, but everyone was
changing, their faces changed, and
I keep seeing these things, it
hurts, my head, it keeps hurting -

CUT TO NAISMITH'S STUDY, the Master covers the phone:

THE MASTER
It hurts, apparently. But who is
she, why didn't she change?

WILF
It was this thing, the Doctor, he
did it to her, this Metacrisis -

(CONTINUED)
THE MASTER
Oh, he loves playing with Earth girls, the man's obsessed!
(to the screen)
Trace the call! Find her!

CUT TO:

INT. THE GATE ROOM - DAY 4

NAISMITH-MASTER to the OOV Technician-Masters -

NAISMITH-MASTER
Trace the call!

CUT TO:

INT. NAISMITH'S STUDY - DAY 4

THE MASTER saunters to WILF (Donna OOV: "Are you there?
Gramps??"), playing this off THE DOCTOR, loving his terror:
mmm-mmmm! He holds the phone to Wilf's ear -

THE MASTER
Say goodbye to the freak, Granddad.

WILF
Donna, get out of there!

CUT TO:

EXT. ALLEYWAY - DAY 4

DONNA
But where are you?!

WILF OOV
You've got to trust me, but they're coming for you - just get out of
there, just run!!!

Donna terrified - panics - runs - down the alley -

CUT TO:

INT. THE GATE ROOM - DAY 4

NAISMITH-MASTER
She's on Wessex Lane, Chiswick!
Open the phone lines! Everyone on
Wessex Lane - red alert!

CUT TO:

EXT. ALLEYWAY - DAY 4

DONNA hurrying down the alley, on her mobile -

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DONNA
But where do I go, what do I do??

Then ahead of her, at the far end of the alley -

CHISWICK-MASTER #1 runs out. Sees her. Grins.

She looks round -

Far down the other end - CHISWICK-MASTER #2 steps out -

DONNA (CONT'D)
There's more of them, they're everywhere - !

She looks back in the first direction -

FX: CHISWICK-MASTER #1 joined by CHISWICK-MASTER #3 -

CUT TO:

INT. NAISMITH'S STUDY - DAY 4

WILF on the mobile, held by THE MASTER - throughout, THE DOCTOR, struggling against his bindings, mm-mm-mm-mm!! -

WILF
Just get away, sweetheart! Run, Donna, run for your life!

CUT TO:

EXT. ALLEYWAY - DAY 4

CU Donna, trapped, middle of the alley - on the mobile -

DONNA
It's not just them - I can see those things again, those creatures -

INTERCUT HER CU with images of Daleks, Ood, Vespiform -

DONNA (CONT'D)
- like a wasp, why can I see a Giant Wasp??! And it hurts -

CUT TO:

INT. NAISMITH'S STUDY - DAY 4

WILF
- don't! Don't think about it! Oh Donna my love, don’t - !

CUT TO:

EXT. ALLEYWAY - DAY 4

FX: CHISWICK-MASTERS #1 & 3 advancing one way...

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CHISWICK-MASTER #1
I'm still hungry.

FX: CHISWICK-MASTERS #2, now joined by CHISWICK-MASTERS #4 and #5, all three advancing from the other end...

CHISWICK-MASTER #2
Ohhh I'm starving.

- but closer and closer on DONNA - terrified -

- INTERCUT with High Priestess, Dalek Caan, Vashta Nerada -

DONNA
- my head - ! It's getting hotter, and hotter, and hotter, and hotter, and hotter and hotter and hotter -

- into EXTREME CLOSE UP, as she clutches her forehead, and -

FX: WHAP!! LONG SHOT DONNA, CHISWICK-MASTERS #1 and #3 behind her, as a HALO OF ENERGY - golden, like Metacrisis Energy - BLASTS OUT OF HER HEAD, RADIATING OUT, very fast -

FX: REVERSE, HALO OF ENERGY RADIATING OUT, hitting CHISWICK-MASTERS # 2, #4 and #5 - they stagger back, fall -

CU CHISWICK-MASTER #1 hits the ground, unconscious -

CU CHISWICK-MASTER #3 hits the ground, unconscious -

Donna left dazed, five bodies (faces hidden!) around her.

DONNA (CONT'D)
...but what did I..?

And her eyes roll, she falls to the ground. Unconscious.
The mobile clatters to the floor -

CUT TO:

INT. NAISMITH'S STUDY - DAY 4

WILF
Donna? What was that?! Donna, are you there? Donna?!

But THE MASTER looks at the DOCTOR.

Who's now smiling. And he winks.
The Master furious, strides over, pulls off mouth-strap -

THE DOCTOR
That's better! Hello! But really, did you think I'd leave my best friend without a defence mechanism?

(CONTINUED)
WILF
Doctor, what happened?

THE DOCTOR
She's all right, she's fine, I promise, she'll just sleep.

THE MASTER
Ohh, it's such a very great mistake to let you talk...

He's got the mouth-strap ready, but... Close, intimate:

THE MASTER (CONT'D)
But tell me. Where's your Tardis?

THE DOCTOR
You could be so wonderful.

THE MASTER
Where is it?

THE DOCTOR
You're a genius, you're stone-cold brilliant, you are, I swear, you really are. But you could be so much more. You could be beautiful. With a mind like that, we could travel the stars, it would be my honour. Because you don't need to own the universe. Just see it. To have the privilege of seeing the whole of time and space... that's ownership enough.

THE MASTER
...Would it stop, then? The noise in my head?

THE DOCTOR
I can help.

THE MASTER
(scared)
I don't know what I'd be. Without that noise.

THE DOCTOR
I wonder what I'd be, without you.

THE MASTER
(small smile)
Yeah.

Wilf quiet, fascinated by these two:

WILF
What does he mean? What noise...?
THE MASTER
It's beyond you, old man.

And he walks away from the Doctor. But the moment isn't broken; he's still quiet. Bitter. Wants to talk. Hasn't said this aloud for hundreds of years.

THE MASTER (CONT'D)
It began on Gallifrey. As children. 
(pause)
Not that you'd call it childhood. 
Just a life of duty. Eight years old, I was taken for initiation. 
To stare into the Untempered Schism.

WILF
...what does that mean?

THE DOCTOR
It's a gap in the fabric of reality. 
You can see into the Time Vortex itself. And it hurts.

THE MASTER
They took me there. In the dark. 
On the Eve of Cold Lamentation. I looked into Time, old man. And I heard it. Calling to me. The drumbeat. The never-ending drums...

This on CU Master, painted with FLASHBACKS:

Series 3, Ep.12 sc.43. The Young Master, the Ceremony, the Schism, the Vortex swirling in his eye...

MIX TO:

INT. BLACK VOID

Mixing from the 12.43 FLASHBACK, to THE LORD PRESIDENT.

LORD PRESIDENT
The Untempered Schism. That's where it began.

FX: WIDER, the 12.43 FLASHBACK now a circular image, suspended above the table, TIME LORDS at the table watching.

CHANCELLOR
History says that the Master heard a rhythm. A torment that stayed with him for the rest of his life.

LORD PRESIDENT
A drumbeat. A warrior's march...

CHANCELLOR
A symptom of insanity, my Lord.

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LORD PRESIDENT

I wonder.

He looks across the table, at THE VISIONARY. She's muttering, but staring right at him. And with one black-painted fingernail, she's tapping on the table.

One-two-three-four. One-two-three-four.

And the Lord President smiles. Everything making sense.

LORD PRESIDENT (CONT'D)

A rhythm of four. The heartbeat of a Time Lord.

On the tapping, one-two-three-four, one-two-three-four...

MIX TO:

INT. NAISMITH'S STUDY - DAY 4

CU on the THE MASTER quiet, exhausted.

THE MASTER

Listen to it. Listen.

THE DOCTOR

Then let's find it. You and me. Partners in time.

THE MASTER

I could. Yeah.

(pause)

Except...

And his smile's turning now. The old madness creeping in.

THE MASTER (CONT'D)

Ohh but that's clever. No, wait a minute. Yes. Ohh, that's good!

THE DOCTOR

What? What is?

THE MASTER

That noise exists within my head... And now within six billion heads. Every person on Earth can hear it. Imagine... ohhh yes!

And he shudders, in pain and delight -

FX: he flickers with the SKELETON-MASTER...

Then normal again, fighting it - THE DOCTOR horrified -
THE DOCTOR
The Gate wasn't enough. You're still dying.
THE MASTER
This body was born out of death,
all it can do is die -  
(savage)
But what did you say to me, back in the wasteland? You said, the End of Time -

THE DOCTOR
I said, something is returning, I was shown a prophecy, but that's why I need your help -

THE MASTER
But what if I'm part of it?! Don't you see? The drumbeat called from so far away - from the End of Time itself! And now it's been amplified six billion times! Triangulate those all those signals - I could find its source! Ohh Doctor, that's what your prophecy was! Me!

- strides over, whacks the Doctor across the face, hard -

THE MASTER (CONT'D)
Where's the Tardis?!

THE DOCTOR
- no, just stop, just think -

THE MASTER
(at the guard)
Kill him!

Pointing at Wilf! The Guard aims his gun, at Wilf -

The Master running over to the Guard's side -

THE MASTER (CONT'D)
I need that technology - tell me where it is, or the old man's dead!

WILF
Don't tell him!

THE MASTER
I'll kill him! Right now!

THE DOCTOR
Actually, the most impressive thing about you is that after all this time, you're still bone-dead-stupid.

THE MASTER
Take aim!

The Guard does so, ka-chik! of metal -
THE DOCTOR
You've got six billion pairs of eyes, but you still can't see the obvious, can you?

THE MASTER
Like what?!

THE DOCTOR
That guard is one inch too tall.

The Master turns to look at the Guard -
Whack! The Guard hits him with the butt of his gun!

The Master falls to the floor, unconscious -
Guard pulls off his visor - it's ROSSITER! Vinvocci-form!

ROSSITER
Oh my God, I hit him! I've never hit anyone in my life!

Wham! Door bursts open - ADDAMS, Vinvocci-form, runs in -
- she's got a knife, goes to Wilf, cutting him loose -
- as Rossiter starts undoing the Doctor's buckles -

ADDAMS
- we need to get out of here, fast -

WILF
God bless the cactuses!

THE DOCTOR
That's cacti!

ROSSITER
That's racist!

CUT TO:

INT. THE GATE ROOM - DAY 4

NAISMITH-MASTER strolling to the wall-screen -

NAISMITH-MASTER
But this prophecy of yours, Doctor, where did it come from?
(screen's just static)
Doctor...?

CUT TO:

INT. NAISMITH'S STUDY - DAY 4

ADDAMS with WILF - ropes falling away, he's now free -

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ADDAMS
Come on, we've got to get out - !

But THE DOCTOR's still tied up, Rossiter fumbling away -

ROSSITER
There's too many buckles and straps!

ADDAMS
Just - ! Gaaah - wheel him!

Rossiter tips the trolley at an angle, grabs the handles, wheels the Doctor out, fast, still trussed up -

THE DOCTOR
No no no, get me out, no no no no
don't don't don't- !

Wilf runs - picks up the SERVICE REVOLVER - follows -

CUT TO:

INT. THE GATE ROOM - DAY 4

NAISMITH-MASTER, realising something's wrong, yells -

NAISMITH-MASTER
What's going on?! Doctaaaaa - !

CUT TO:

INT. NAISMITH MANSION, CORRIDOR - DAY 4

ALARMS sound! ADDAMS & WILF, with ROSSITER pushing the tied-up DOCTOR on the trolley, panicking -

ROSSITER
Which way?!

ADDAMS
This way!

THE DOCTOR
- no no no, the other way, I've got my Tardis - !

ADDAMS
- I know what I'm doing!

And they whizz the Doctor along -

THE DOCTOR
- no no no, just listen to me - !

CUT TO:
INT. NAISMITH'S STUDY - DAY 4

3 VISORED, ARMED GUARDS burst in. THE MASTER standing, dazed, recovering -

THE MASTER
Find him! Find him - !

CUT TO:

INT. NAISMITH MANSION, CORRIDOR - DAY 4

THE MASTER & THREE VISORED GUARDS burst out of the Study - run down the corridor -

CUT TO:

INT. NAISMITH MANSION, CORRIDOR LEADING TO STAIRS - DAY 4

ADDAMS, ROSSITER & WILF, pushing THE DOCTOR, fast, towards a flight of stone steps -

THE DOCTOR
Not the stairs, not the stairs!!

But they keep going, hit the stairs (stunt?!), clatter him down, fast, bump bump bump bump bump bump bump bump -

CU on the Doctor - Ow! Ow! Ow! Ow! Ow! Ow!

JUMP CUT TO:

INT. BASEMENT CORRIDOR - DAY 4

ADDAMS, ROSSITER & WILF running along, pushing THE DOCTOR -

THE DOCTOR

CUT TO:

INT. NAISMITH MANSION, CORRIDOR LEADING TO STAIRS - DAY 4

THE MASTER & 3 VISORED GUARDS run - one guard on his radio -

VISORED-GUARD-MASTER
Underneath the Gate Room, sir!

CUT TO:

INT. THE GATE ROOM - DAY 4

NAISMITH-MASTER
Basement! Get him!

The 3 VISORED GUARDS run for the side-door -

CUT TO:
INT. BASEMENT BENEATH GATE ROOM – DAY 4

ADDAMS, ROSSITER & WILF run in, bring the trolley to a halt, dead centre, THE DOCTOR tied up –

THE DOCTOR

- just stop, and listen to me - !

Stairs to the Gate Room, 3 VISORED GUARDS run in –

Basement Corridor, THE MASTER & 3 VISORED GUARDS run in –

All Guards lift guns, ka-chik - !

THE MASTER

Gotcha!

ADDAMS

Think so?

Presses her wristwatch –

FX: TELEPORT GLOW, Addams, Rossiter, Wilt & trolley'd Doctor all glow and then vanish, the Doctor still protesting –

THE DOCTOR

- no, just don't, no no no no –

CUT TO:

INT. HESPERUS, TELEPORT ROOM – DAY 4

FX: TELEPORT GLOW, ADDAMS, ROSSITER, WILF & the tied-up DOCTOR appear on the Vinvocci ship, the HESPERUS –

THE DOCTOR

Now get me out of this thing!!

As Adams & Rossiter get busy with the buckles & knots –

ADDAMS

Don't say thanks, will you?

THE DOCTOR

- he's not gonna let us go, just get me out and hurry up!!

This carries on in b/g, but WILF walks forward, amazed...

It's a dark-metal room, a general maintenance area, full of tech & pipes & grilles, including the TELEPORT BAY, but the floor leads to an edge, a few steps down, then...

Beyond it, the gradual metal curve of the hull, with a wide window set in the wall, Wilf looking out...

FX: through the window, THE EARTH BELOW.

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WILF
Oh my goodness me. We're in space.

REVERSE on Wilf, on the steps, then -

CUT TO:

FX SHOT. THE HESPERUS - DAY 4

FX: WILF (and others in b/g) set within the window, PULL OUT, to REVEAL THE HESPERUS, in space. It's an old tug of a ship, not military. Sort of sweet, a bit Thunderbird 2; stubby fins, rounded sections bolted together.

CUT TO:

INT. BASEMENT BENEATH GATE ROOM - DAY 4

THE MASTER yelling at the GUARDS -

THE MASTER
Into the teleport field, get him!

CUT TO:

INT. HESPERUS, TELEPORT ROOM - DAY 4

THE DOCTOR now free, turning to the Teleport Bay, fast -
He holds up the sonic, whirs -
PRAC EXPLOSIONS from the Teleport Bay controls!

CUT TO:

INT. BASEMENT BENEATH GATE ROOM - DAY 4

THE MASTER furious, at the computer banks -

THE MASTER
It's been closed! But he's still up there. Target practice!

And he's running back to the Gate Room -

CUT TO:

INT. HESPERUS, TELEPORT ROOM - DAY 4

- THE DOCTOR still frantic -

THE DOCTOR
Where's your flight deck?!

ADDAMS
But we're safe, we're a hundred thousand miles above the Earth -

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THE DOCTOR
And he's got every single missile on the planet! Ready to fire!

ADDAMS
...good point.
  - she leads the way, all running - ! WILF following last -

WILF
But we're in space!

CUT TO:

INT. HESPERUS, CORRIDOR - DAY 4
Long, dark corridor, THE DOCTOR, ADDAMS, ROSSITER running, too-speed, WILF huffing along behind -

CUT TO:

INT. THE GATE ROOM - DAY 4
THE MASTER, energised, runs in, to the wall-screen -

THE MASTER
Turn everything you've got to the skies! Find me that ship! And prime the missiles!

CUT TO:

INT. UNIT HQ, GENEVA - DAY 4
GENERAL-MASTER receiving the command -

GENERAL-MASTER
Open up the radar, maximum scan!

ONLINE FX, SPLIT-SCREEN: FOUR OPERATIVE-MASTERS at desks -

FOUR OPERATIVE-MASTERS
Yes sir!

CUT TO:

INT. HESPERUS, FLIGHT DECK - DAY 4
THE DOCTOR, ADDAMS, ROSSITER, then WILF run in -

It's an oval, metal room, rounded bulkheads, packed with dark-metal computer banks, lights blinking away. WINDOWS at the front, looking into BLACK SPACE; there's an actual FLIGHT DECK, facing the windows, controls with a Y-SHAPED SHIPS' WHEEL, complete with massive gear sticks & levers.

The Doctor running to one set of controls -

Addams & Rossiter go to the Wheel, boot up controls, fast -

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CONTINUED:

THE DOCTOR
- we've got to close it down - !

ROSSITER
No chance, mate, we're going home!

ADDAMS
We're just a salvage team, local politics has got nothing to do with us, not unless there's a carnival, sooner we get back to Vinvocci space, the better -

THE DOCTOR
We're not leaving.

And he holds up the sonic, whirrs -

PRAC FX: BIG EXPLOSIONS from the computer banks! Everyone ducking, except the Doctor, room plunges into darkness -

CUT TO:

FX SHOT. THE HESPERUS 4

FX: ALL THE LIGHTS on the HESPERUS blink off, one by one.

CUT TO:

INT. HESPERUS, FLIGHT DECK - DAY 4

THE DOCTOR, in the dark, just holds a finger to his lips.

THE DOCTOR
Ssssssh.

CUT TO:

INT. UNIT HQ, GENEVA - DAY 4

RADAR SCREEN, GRAPHICS sweeping Earth and beyond...

OPERATIVE-MASTER #1 staring, operating controls....

The room tense, GENERAL-MASTER waiting...

GENERAL-MASTER
Anything?

CUT TO:

INT. HESPERUS, FLIGHT DECK - DAY 4

In the dark, THE DOCTOR, WILF, ADDAMS, ROSSITER, all holding their breaths, glancing at each other, scared, waiting...
EXT. FX SHOT. THE HESPERUS – DAY 4
FX: the darkened HESPERUS. The aching creak of metal....

CUT TO:

INT. UNIT HQ, GENEVA – DAY 4
Hold the tension. Then the OPERATIVE-MASTER #1 looks up.

OPERATIVE-MASTER #1
Sorry, sir. Nothing.

GENERAL-MASTER
Lost him.

CUT TO:

INT. THE GATE ROOM – DAY 4
THE MASTER still confident, talking to open-air-comms:

THE MASTER
What about teleport coordinates?

CUT TO:

INT. BASEMENT BENEATH GATE ROOM – DAY 4
CHIEF GUARD MASTER now unvisorred, with VISORED GUARDS in b/g, as he examines the computers. On his radio:

CHIEF-GUARD-MASTER
He's cut the link, sir, no trace, all dead. Still. Open fire!

PRAC BULLETS, all Guards shooting at the computer banks -
PRAC FX: computer banks EXPLODE!

CHIEF-GUARD-MASTER (CONT'D)
No way back, now. He's stranded.

CUT TO:

OMITTED

INT. HESPERUS, FLIGHT DECK – DAY
ADDAMS & ROSSITER break the silence, cross to the controls -

ADDAMS
No sign of any missiles - no sign of anything, you've wrecked the place!

ROSSITER
The engines are burnt out! All we've got is auxiliary lights -

(CONTINUED)
He presses a switch, LOW-LEVEL LIGHTING comes up.

ROSSITER (CONT'D)
- but that's your lot! Everything else is kaputt, we can't move!
We're stuck, in orbit!

ADDAMS
Thanks to you. You idiot!

And she walks way, slams a piece of broken-computer-metal to the floor, genuinely furious. Silence.

Then just WILF and THE DOCTOR, quiet. Wilf so trusting:

WILF
I know you, though. I bet you've got a plan, haven't you?
(no reply)
Come on, you've always got a trick up your sleeve. Nice little bit of Doctor flim-flam, sort of thing?
(silence)
Oh blimey.

CUT TO:

INT. THE GATE ROOM - NIGHT


THE MASTER
Night has fallen. Are we ready?

NAISMITH-MASTER
Every single one of us is prepared.

The Master closes his eyes. Almost trance-like:

THE MASTER
Then we listen. All of us. Across the world. Just listen...

Naismith-Master closes his eyes.

CUT TO:

INT. WHITE HOUSE PRESS ROOM - DAY

THE PRESIDENT-MASTER closes his eyes. Listening...

CUT TO:

INT. UNIT HQ, GENEVA - NIGHT 4

THE GENERAL-MASTER closes his eyes. Listening...

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ONLINE FX: 4 OPERATIVE-MASTERS close their eyes. Listen...

CUT TO:

OMITTED

INT. THE GATE ROOM - NIGHT 4

THE MASTER
Concentrate. Find the signal...

CUT TO:

EXT. PARADE GROUND - NIGHT 4

FX: ALL 100 SOLDIER-MASTERS close their eyes, hold their heads a little higher, in unison, listening...

CUT TO:

INT. THE GATE ROOM - NIGHT 4

THE MASTER concentrating. Breathes in, and...

He hears it.

A simple signal. Tic-tic-tic-tic. One-two-three-four.

Opens his eyes. Whispers, exalted:

THE MASTER
There! The sound is tangible. And getting closer. Someone could only have designed this. But who..?

CUT TO:

THRU

INT. BLACK VOID

The CHANCELLOR approaches THE LORD PRESIDENT.

CHANCELLOR
The signal has been sent. A simple task of four beats. Transmitted back through time, and implanted in the Master's mind, as a child.

LORD PRESIDENT
Then we have a link. To where the Master is, right now.

FX: the IMAGE of the EARTH appears above the table.
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CHANCELLOR
But we're still trapped inside the
Timelock, sir. The link is nothing
more than a thought. An idea.

LORD PRESIDENT
Then we need something to make the
contact physical. Something so
simple...

He looks at THE VISIONARY.

She's staring at him, muttering:

VISIONARY
...so small and shining, shining
bright and cold, the tiny tiny
star, falling, falling, burning...

He realises. Holds up his hand (the non-gauntlet hand).
On one finger, a JEWELLED RING.

Out of the ring, he plucks:

A DIAMOND. Literally, diamond-shaped. Only half-an-inch
across, unadorned, simple and shining.

LORD PRESIDENT
Small enough to follow the link.
And if this were on Earth -

FX: and he THROWS THE DIAMOND up at the IMAGE OF EARTH, it
burns, mid-air, tiny flare of light, gone -!

CUT TO:

FX SHOT. SPACE, EARTH

FX: TINY FLARE OF LIGHT, the DIAMOND APPEARS, tumbling
through space - pan with it - falling down to EARTH, a
thin, burning streak, hurtling towards the planet -

CUT TO:

INT. HESPERUS, TELEPORT ROOM - NIGHT 4

THE DOCTOR sits alone, on the steps. Fiddling with an old
junction box, ordinary wires & stuff, which he's pulled
out of the wall. Barely looking at it; dark thoughts.

Then he looks up. Alert. Stands. Sensing...

FX: HIS POV, the window; far out in space, the tiny streak
of FIRE, heading down to Earth. Towards Britain.

The Doctor leans against the glass. Disturbed.
72    INT. THE GATE ROOM - NIGHT 4

    NAISMITH-MASTER is looking up, sensing...

        NAISMITH-MASTER
        The sound. It's coming from above.

        THE MASTER
        It's coming from the sky!!

And the Master runs out - !

CUT TO:

73    EXT. NAISMITH MANSION - NIGHT 4

    Front of the mansion, rooms blazing with light, THE MASTER & FOUR VISORED GUARDS run out -

        - stop dead! Seeing -

        THE MASTER
        There!

    FX: in the distance, the thin meteor streak falls to Earth, disappearing behind some trees, far-off.

        THE MASTER (CONT'D)
        Find it! Get out there and find it!!!!

CUT TO:

74    OMITTED

75    EXT. FIELD - NIGHT 4

    A BLACK PRIVATE SECURITY JEEP screeching up...

    To a CRATER. Mounds of earth thrown back by impact. Small FIRES still burning, SMOKE in the air.

    JUMP CUT TO GUARD-MASTER, unvisored, edging down the side of the crater with a torch. Other NS Guard-Masters silhouetted in b/g, in the light of the jeep's headlights.

    Closer...

    At the heart of the crater, the tiny DIAMOND.

    The Guard-Master picks it up, carefully. On radio:

        GUARD-MASTER
        It's a diamond, sir.
        (realises, in awe)
        Ohh, the most impossible diamond. You won't believe this.
        (MORE)

(CONTINUED)
GUARD-MASTER (CONT'D)  
(reverential)  
It's a Whitepoint Star.

CUT TO:

INT. THE GATE ROOM - NIGHT 4

SLOW TRACK IN to the Master. Breathless. As the realisation dawns on him. The size of this; the story of his whole life. Terrifying. Impossible...

Brilliant. Closer and closer; then he starts to laugh. Closer. Madder. Proper Caligula laughter. As he laughs...

FX: THE MASTER SKELETONS. Eyes bulging. And hold. As the insane skeleton laughs and laughs and laughs.

CUT TO:

FX SHOT. THE HESPERUS


CUT TO:

INT. HESPERUS, CORRIDOR - NIGHT 4

Long, dark, silent. WILF wander along, a small figure.

WILF
Doctor? I was just wondering...
Doctor? Hello?

At the far end - a shadow, rushing past, gone.

WILF (CONT'D)
Is that you..?

He hurries along.

At the end, another stretch of corridor. Empty. Wilf a little afraid, spooked by this whole place.

WILF (CONT'D)
Anyone? I think I'm lost.

WOMAN
And yet you are found.

He turns round - !

The WOMAN standing right behind him.

WOMAN (CONT'D)
Events are closing; the day is almost upon us. But tell me, old soldier. Did you take arms?

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WILF
I brought this.

Scared, he gets out the SERVICE REVOLVER.

WILF (CONT'D)
But what am I supposed to do?

WOMAN
This is the Doctor's final battle. At the end of his life, he must stand at arms. Or lose himself and all this world, to the End of Time.

WILF
But he never carries guns, he doesn't do that, he's...
(pause)
Who are you?

WOMAN
I was lost. So very long ago.

Wilf upset, glances down at the gun, looks up again -
She's gone.

CUT TO:

INT. HESPERUS, TELEPORT ROOM - DAY 5

THE DOCTOR, alone. He's sitting, facing the window. Still fiddling with the old junction box.

WILF comes in.

WILF
Aye aye. Got this old tub mended?

THE DOCTOR
Just trying to fix the heating.

Wilf sits near him. Looks out.


WILF
Always dreamt of a view like this. I'm an astronaut! It's dawn over England, look. Brand new day.
(pause)
My wife's buried down there. I might never visit her again, now.
(pause)
D'you think he changed them? In their graves?

The Doctor appalled, stops working. Looks at the view.

(CONTINUED)
I'm sorry.

Not your fault.

Isn't it?

Pause. Then, of the view, indicating the Mediterranean:

1948, I was over there. End of the Mandate in Palestine. Private Mott! Skinny little idiot, I was. Stood on this rooftop, middle of a skirmish, like a blizzard, all these bullets in the air. World gone mad.

(smiles)

Ah, you don't want to listen to an old man's tales.

I'm older than you.

Get away.

I'm nine hundred and six.

Really, though?

Yep.

Nine hundred years. We must look like insects to you.

I think you look like giants.

And Wilf gets out the service revolver.

I want you to have this. Kept it all this time. I thought...

No.

But if you take it, you could -

No.

(CONTINUED)
Pause.

THE DOCTOR (CONT'D)
You had that gun. Back in the mansion. You could have shot the Master, there and then.

WILF
Too scared, I s'pose.

THE DOCTOR
I'd be proud.

WILF
Of what?

THE DOCTOR
If you were my dad.

WILF
Oh now, don't start.

The Doctor laughs, a little. But Wilfred's struggling, still holding the gun.

WILF (CONT'D)
But you said... you were told, he will knock four times. And then you die. That's him, isn't it, the Master? The noise in his head? The Master is going to kill you.

THE DOCTOR
Yeah.

WILF
Then kill him first.

Silence.

WILF (CONT'D)
Don't you deserve it?

THE DOCTOR
Ohh yeah. Isn't that the truth? Got it in one! I deserve it, absolutely! I so deserve to live. Everything I've done, the lives I've saved, the people, the planets, every single star in the sky. So where is it, then? Just once. Where's the reward?

WILF
Then take it.

THE DOCTOR
And that's how the Master started.

(MORE)
THE DOCTOR (CONT'D)

(pause)
It's not like I'm an innocent.
I've taken lives. And I got worse,
I got clever. Manipulated people
into taking their own. Sometimes
I think a Time Lord lives too long.

(quiet, tired)
I can't. I just can't.

WILF
If the Master dies... What happens
to all the people?

THE DOCTOR
...I don't know.

WILF
Doctor. What happens?

THE DOCTOR
The template snaps.

WILF
They go back to being Human?

The Doctor just nods.

WILF (CONT'D)
They'll be alive. And Human?
Then don't you dare, sir. Don't
you dare put him before them!

(holds it out)
You take it, Doctor. That's an
order. Take this gun.

(more upset)
And save your life. Please don't
die. You're the most wonderful
man. I don't want you to die.

Both staring. Both tearful. Wilf takes the Doctor's hand.
Lifts it to the gun. The Doctor's hand, and Wilf's, on
the cold metal, together. Like an act of faith.

And then:

THE DOCTOR
Never.

He gently pushes the gun back to Wilf. And lets go.

And then, all silky and sinister:

THE MASTER OOV
A star fell from the sky. Don't
you want to know where from?
The Doctor, Wilf, alert. The voice coming over comms:

CUT TO:

ADDAMS & ROSSITER - grimy, busy, mending cables and panels and stuff - alarmed, over open comms:

ADDAMS
It's an open broadcast, don't reply!
Or he'll know where we are!

CUT TO:

Early morning light now shining through. THE MASTER, controlled, enraptured, talking to the air (ie, open comms).

THE MASTER
Because now it makes sense, Doctor.
The whole of my life; my destiny.

SCENE CONTINUES, INTERCUT WITH -

THE MASTER (CONT'D)
And I've worked all night. To sanctify that gift.

Gate Room, sc.81 continued, the Master looks round -

ONLINE FX: TWO TECHNICIAN-MASTERS are working on a computer bank right at the back of the room - ie, directly opposite, and as far back as possible from, the Gate. They've gutted the computer, wires trailing out, a pulsing space of PRAC RED LIGHT, with improvised technology now at its heart.

THE MASTER (CONT'D)
Now the Star is mine, I can increase the signal. And use it. As a lifeline.

(MORE)
CONTINUED:

THE MASTER (CONT'D)
(suddenly vicious)
D'you get it now?! D'you see?
Keep watching, Doctor - this should be spectacular! Over and out!

Click, the broadcast ending.

WILF
What's he on about, what's he doing?
(no reply)
Doctor, what does he mean?

THE DOCTOR
A Whitepoint Star is only found on one planet. Gallifrey. Which means... It's the Time Lords. The Time Lords are returning.

WILF
...but that's good, isn't it? I mean, that's your people!

The Doctor looks at Wilf, almost puzzled, like he's a stranger, like he's irrelevant, like he's nothing.

Then looks at Wilf's hand.
At the gun.
Quickly, easily, the Doctor grabs the gun, takes it.
Holds it up. Stares at it.
Wilf truly scared, now.
And then the Doctor runs!

CUT TO:

INT. THE GATE ROOM - DAY 5

THE MASTER calls across the room -

THE MASTER
Open up the Nuclear Bolt. Infuse the power-lines to maximum.

FX: THE TWO GLASS BOOTHS. TECHNICIAN-MASTER #1 already inside the LOCKED booth, TECHNICIAN MASTER #2 goes to the OPEN booth, steps inside -

CU, Technician-Master #2 presses the RED BUTTON.

FX: GLASS BOOTHS, LOCKED and OPEN switch sides, Technician-Master #1 steps out, Technician-Master #2 operates controls -

TECHNICIAN-MASTER #2
Nuclear Bolt accelerating, sir!

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The Master walks towards the adapted COMPUTER BANK.

He holds up the DIAMOND.

He places it at the centre of the red-space, in a receptacle, surrounded by a bed of wires.

And the noise starts to transmit. In the air. A simple high-pitched beep. Four beats, one-two-three-four.

He walks forward, looks to the sky.

THE MASTER

Come home.

FX: ABOVE HIM, early-morning light through the GLASS ROOF.

And the noise, one-two-three-four, one-two-three-four...

CUT TO:

INT. HESPERUS, FLIGHT DECK - DAY 5

THE DOCTOR, with the service revolver, runs in, WILF following - ADDAMS & ROSSITER still making repairs. The Doctor running to the Wheel controls, frantic -

ROSSITER

Don't even try, mate, it's dead -

ADDAMS

Hey hey hey, we're not having guns!

The Doctor stuffing the revolver into an inside pocket - and he slams a button.

Over comms, the one-two-three-four in the air.

ADDAMS (CONT'D)

What's that?

ROSSITER

Coming from Earth. It's on every single wavelength.

CU the Doctor, breathing hard, listening...

MIX TO:

INT. BLACK VOID

CU THE LORD PRESIDENT. Hearing one-two-three-four...

LORD PRESIDENT

Contact. At last.

MIX TO:
INT. THE GATE ROOM - DAY 5

CU THE MASTER. Closing his eyes. Concentrating.

THE MASTER
We have contact.

CUT TO:

INT. BLACK VOID

THE LORD PRESIDENT picks up his staff, strides forward -
FX: to face the GALLERY OF TIME LORDS, as ep.17 sc.117.
Calling out. A warmonger.

LORD PRESIDENT
Now the High Council of Time Lords
must vote. Whether to die here,
today. Or to return to the waking
world, and complete the Ultimate
Sanction. For this is the hour.
That either Gallifrey falls...
(triumphant)
Or Gallifrey rises!

FX: GALLERY OF TIME LORDS:

TIME LORDS
Gallifrey rises!

PRESIDENT & TIME LORDS
Gallifrey! Rises!!

CUT TO:

INT. HESPERUS, FLIGHT DECK - DAY 5

THE DOCTOR, frantic, flicking controls - WILF at his side -

WILF
- but you said your people were
dead! Past tense!

THE DOCTOR
Inside the Time War, and the whole
War was Timelocked, like, sealed
inside a bubble, it's not a bubble
but just think of a bubble, nothing
can get in or get out of the
Timelock... Don't you see? Nothing
can get in or get out, except
something that was already there!

Still in the air: one-two-three-four...

WILF
The signal! Since he was a kid!

(CONTINUED)
THE DOCTOR
If they can follow the signal, they can escape, before they die -

WILF
Well then, big reunion! We'll have a party!

THE DOCTOR
There will be no party.

WILF
But I've heard you talk about your people. Like they're wonderful!

THE DOCTOR
That's how I choose to remember them. The Time Lords of old. But then they went to war, an endless war, and it changed them. Right to the core. You've seen my enemies, Wilf; the Time Lords are more dangerous than any of them.

ADDAMS
Time-Lords, what-lords, anyone gonna explain?

THE DOCTOR
Right, yes, you! This is a salvage ship, yeah? You go trawling the asteroid fields for junk?

ADDAMS
Yeah, what about it?

THE DOCTOR
So you've got asteroid lasers?

ROSSITER
Yeah, but they're all frazzled.

The Doctor stabs a button -

TWO WALL-PANELS slide open, at the front, left and right - opening into GUN ALCOVES, which lead to the LASER PODS.

THE DOCTOR
Consider them unfrazzled!
(to Addams)
You there, whatusyername, I'm gonna need you on navigation!
(to Rossiter)
And you, get in the laser-pod!
(to Wilf)
Wilfred, laser number two, the old soldier's got one more battle!

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ADDAMS
This ship! Can't move! It's dead!

(CONTINUED)
THE DOCTOR

'Fix the heating'.

And he pulls one of the great big levers by the Wheel -

LIGHTS COME ON! Hum of power!

CUT TO:

FX SHOT. THE HESPERUS - DAY 5

FX: HESPERUS LIGHTS come back on, brighter than before!

CUT TO:

INT. HESPERUS, FLIGHT DECK - DAY 5

ADDAMS

But now they can see us!

THE DOCTOR

Oh yes!

CUT TO:

INT. UNIT HQ, GENEVA - DAY 5

A BLIP on the RADAR SCREEN!

GENERAL-MASTER on comms, excited -

GENERAL-MASTER

Sir! We've got a fix! Hundred and five thousand miles in orbit!

CUT TO:

INT. HESPERUS, FLIGHT DECK - DAY 5

THE DOCTOR readying Wheel controls, manic now, wired.

ADDAMS

This is my ship! And you're not moving it, get away from that wheel!

THE DOCTOR

There's an old Earth saying, Captain. A phrase of great power, and wisdom, and consolation to the soul, in times of need.

ADDAMS

What's that then?

THE DOCTOR

Allons-y!

(CONTINUED)
CONTINUED:

And he SLAMS ALL THE LEVERS - !

CUT TO:

FX SHOT. THE HESPERUS

FX: THE HESPERUS blasts into action - FLAME from the ENGINES, and it rockets down towards EARTH, top-speed - !
FX: on the Hesperus, hurtling, down, down, down -

CUT TO:

INT. HESPERUS, FLIGHT DECK - DAY 5

CAMERA SHAKE - THE DOCTOR at the Wheel, a maniac -

THE DOCTOR

Come on!!!

CUT TO:

INT. UNIT HQ, GENEVA - DAY 5

OPERATIVE-MASTER #1 at his work-station -

OPERATIVE-MASTER #1

He's moving, sir.

GENERAL-MASTER

Get a fix on him.

OPERATIVE-MASTER #1

Um. He's moving very fast.

CUT TO:

FX SHOT. THE HESPERUS, BLUE SKY - DAY 5

FX: beautiful banks of clouds, the sky a brilliant blue, as THE HESPERUS scorches down, levelling out -

CUT TO:

INT. HESPERUS, FLIGHT DECK - DAY 5

CAMERA SHAKE, whole place rattling (blue sky translight now outside windows), THE DOCTOR manning the Wheel, like a demon - ADDAMS running to help, stabbing buttons on a panel -

ADDAMS

- you are blinkin' flippin' mad!

WILF & ROSSITER standing back, scared, steadying themselves.

THE DOCTOR

You two! What did I say? Lasers!

(CONTINUED)
ROSSITER
But what for?!

THE DOCTOR
Because of the missiles.

Beat. Then Wilf & Rossiter run -!

CUT TO:

INT. UNIT HQ, GENEVA - DAY 5

GENERAL-MASTER
All NATO defences coordinated sir, awaiting your command!

CUT TO:

INT. THE GATE ROOM - DAY 5

THE MASTER wild, invigorated, just loving this -

THE MASTER
I don't need him - any second now, I'll have Time Lords to spare! Take him out! Launch missiles!!!

CUT TO:

INT. UNIT HQ, GENEVA - DAY 5

GENERAL-MASTER
Launch missiles!

CUT TO:

OMITTED

INT. HESPERUS, FLIGHT DECK - DAY 5

WILF, buckling himself into the LASER-POD #1 seat. These are cages of metal & glass; the seat in front of the LASER - A BIG SWIVELLING GUN, like the Millennium Falcon's (with blue sky translight outside the glass cage).

WILF
How does this thing work?!

CUT TO ROSSITER, in opposite LASER-POD #2, buckling in.

ROSSITER
The tracking's automatic, just deploy the trigger on the joystick, what the hell are we doing?!

CUT TO FLIGHT DECK - CAMERA SHAKE -

THE DOCTOR
Where are we?!

(Continued)
102 CONTINUED:

ADDAMS
Coming in over the Atlantic -

CUT TO:

103 FX SHOT. THE HESPERUS, SEA - DAY 5
FX: THE HESPERUS zooming along, THE SEA far below -

CUT TO:

104 INT. HESPERUS, FLIGHT DECK - DAY 5

ADDAMS
We've got incoming!

CUT TO:

105 FX SHOT. THE HESPERUS, BLUE SKY - DAY 5
FX: THE HESPERUS in the distance, THREE MISSILES zoom in foreground. Heading for the ship!

CUT TO:

106 INT. HESPERUS, FLIGHT DECK - DAY 5

ADDAMS
And more! Sixteen of them! Oh.
And another sixteen!

THE DOCTOR
Then get on the rear-gun lasers!
(on comms)
And you two! Open fire!

CUT TO LASER-POD #1 - WILF fires! Whole gun recoiling, again and again. PRAC RED LIGHT flaring within the gun-chamber. loud fatoom-fatoom-fatoom noise, Wilf shuddering with the exertion, yelling gaaaaaaaah!

CUT TO LASER-POD #2, ROSSITER firing - gaaaaaah!

CUT TO FLIGHT DECK - CAMERA SHAKE, ADDAMS holds on & stabs buttons, THE DOCTOR twisting the Wheel left then right -

THE DOCTOR (CONT'D)
Ohhh no you don't - !

CUT TO:

107 FX SHOT. THE HESPERUS, BLUE SKY - DAY 5
FX: THE HESPERUS twisting, banking, MISSILES shooting past, some missing - LASER-BOLTS firing out out the ship, front & back, hitting other missiles, EXPLOSIONS ALL AROUND!

CUT TO:
108 INT. HESPERUS, FLIGHT DECK - DAY 5

ROSSITER firing, terrified - fatoom - fatoom - fatoom - !
WILF firing, exhilarated - fatoom - fatoom - fatoom - !
LASER-POD screen GRAPHICS show the fight, all blips & lines -
Even ADDAMS is brilliant, slamming controls like crazy -
THE DOCTOR at the Wheel, gritted teeth, magnificent - !

CUT TO:

109 INT. UNIT HQ, GENEVA - DAY 5

UNIT RADAR GRAPHICS showing the fight, all blips and lines -

GENERAL-MASTER
Second wave!  Launch missiles!

CUT TO:

110 INT. HESPERUS, FLIGHT DECK - DAY 5

THE DOCTOR heaves the Wheel to the left, CAMERA TILTS -
ADDAMS staggering across, right to left, in b/g, waaaah!

CUT TO:

111 FX SHOT. THE HESPERUS, BLUE SKY - DAY 5

FX: EXPLOSIONS & MISSILES all around, the HESPERUS on its side, then righting, weaving, firing RED LASER-BOLTS - !

CUT TO:

112 INT. HESPERUS, FLIGHT DECK - DAY 5

THE DOCTOR ducks down -
PRAC FX: FRONT WINDOWS SHATTER INWARDS, a BURST OF FLAME -
The Doctor pops up again, keeps flying, back at the Wheel, PRAC WIND now blasting through the entire room - yelling -

THE DOCTOR
Lock the navigation!

ADDAMS
On to what?!

THE DOCTOR
England.  The Naismith mansion!

CUT TO:
113 INT. UNIT HQ, GENEVA - DAY 5

GENERAL-MASTER
He's heading straight for you!

CUT TO:

114 INT. THE GATE ROOM - DAY 5

THE MASTER, eyes shining like a zealot:

THE MASTER
But too late. They are coming...

He holds his arms out, in supplication.

The Gate-end of the room - empty of people - beginning to FLARE WITH PRAC BRIGHT, WHITE LIGHT.

CUT TO:

115 INT. BLACK VOID

Table now gone; just the Black Void. THE LORD PRESIDENT, with staff, robes closed again, at his finest. He faces:

REVERSE: TWO TIME LORDS in ceremonial collars, one male, one female, stand unmoving, with heads bowed, their hands covering their faces, a ritual gesture of shame. Behind them, in a line, two other TIME LORDS from the table (but not the Visionary) the CHANCELLOR just joining the back line, to make three, all now in ceremonial collars.

LORD PRESIDENT
The vote is taken. Only two stand against. And will stand as monument to their shame, like the Weeping Angels of old.

Now he walks to stand in front of the two Weeping Time Lords, facing front, so he's the apex of the triangle.

LORD PRESIDENT (CONT'D)
Now the vanguard stands prepared. As the children of Gallifrey return to the universe. To Earth!

PRAC WHITE LIGHT backlights the triangle, a powerful white light in the dark. Growing in strength.

The Time Lords stand tall and proud; begin to DEFOCUS...

CUT TO:

116 INT. THE GATE ROOM - DAY 5

THE MASTER watches...

PRAC WHITE LIGHT FLARING, flooding the Gate-end.

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Continued:

And the locked-off room mixes to:

MIX TO:

**INT. THE GATE ROOM & WHITE VOID – DAY 5**

Now two-thirds-Gate-Room, at the Master's end, while the Gate-end-third has dissolved away into a WHITE VOID. The GATE has GONE. Only some objects formerly in the room - some computer banks, and say, any free-standing busts-on-plinths - remain, surreally standing in the white.

And inside the light...

DEFOCUSED TRIANGLE blurs into view. THE LORD PRESIDENT and his TIME LORDS, swimming into existence.

The Master can't stay ceremonial. He starts to laugh. Can't help it, wild with joy!

DEFOCUS resolving, slowly... clearer and clearer...

CUT TO:

**INT. HESPERUS, FLIGHT DECK – DAY 5**

CAMERA SHAKE, WIND BLASTING, whole room rattling - yelling -

THE DOCTOR

Destination?!

ADDAMS

50 kliks and closing!

CUT TO:

**EXT. FX SHOT. THE HESPERUS, ENGLAND – DAY 5**

FX: AERIAL SHOT OF GREEN FIELDS, the HESPERUS bullets along -

CUT TO:

**INT. HESPERUS, FLIGHT DECK – DAY 5**

ADDAMS

We've locked on to the house. But we're gonna stop, though? Doctor? We are going to stop?

But THE DOCTOR keeps flying, faster, faster -

CUT TO:

**INT. THE GATE ROOM & WHITE VOID – DAY 5**

THE MASTER calling to them -

THE MASTER

Closer! And closer!

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DEFOCUS of the TRIANGLE in the WHITE VOID; even clearer...

The NAISMITH-MASTER at the Master's end, at a window.

NAISMITH-MASTER
I think I should warn you....

THE MASTER
Not now!

NAISMITH-MASTER
No, but really, sir...

He looks out of the window –

CUT TO:

EXT. FIELDS & NAISMITH MANSION – DAY 5

FX: a mile from the house, the MANSION in the distance, as THE HESPERUS bullets through foreground, only 30 ft or so off the ground, heading straight for the house –

CUT TO:

INT. HESPERUS, FLIGHT DECK – DAY 5

CAMERA SHAKE, PRAC WIND BLASTING – THE DOCTOR at the Wheel –

WILF & ROSSITER run out of the GUN-ALCOVE doors –

ROSSITER
Tell him to stop!!

Wilf quiet, brave, his voice cutting under the noise:

WILF
Doctor. You said you were going to die.

ADDAMS
He said what?!?

WILF
But is that all of us? I won't stop you, sir! But is this it?

The Doctor just keeps flying –!

CUT TO:

INT. THE GATE ROOM & WHITE VOID – DAY 5

IN-CAMERA DEFOCUS finally resolves....

The TRIANGLE stands in the White Void; THE LORD PRESIDENT; THE TWO WEEPING TIME LORDS; the CHANCELLOR & TWO TIME LORDS.

CUT TO:
INT. HESPERUS, FLIGHT DECK – DAY 5

CLOSER on THE DOCTOR.
CLOSER.
CLOSER.

Then he suddenly pulls the Wheel up –!

CAMERA TILT, the front end of the Hesperus lifting up – just a little – WILF, ADDAMS & ROSSITER staggering back –

THE DOCTOR runs to the centre of the room –
Lifts up a BIG HATCH! Like a trapdoor, in the floor –

CUT TO:

INT. THE GATE ROOM & WHITE VOID – DAY 5

CU NAISMITH-MASTER – seen through the window, he's looking up and out, in horror, CAMERA SHAKE, massive sound, ENGINES – as he DUCKS –

CUT TO:

INT. HESPERUS, FLIGHT DECK – DAY 5

THE DOCTOR now holding the GUN.
A look at Wilf. Goodbye.

FX: then the Doctor jumps – falling down, through the hatch!

CUT TO:

INT. THE GATE ROOM & WHITE VOID – DAY 5

THE MASTER, looking up, fast –
THE LORD PRESIDENT, looking up, fast –

FX: LOW ANGLE ON GLASS ROOF. The underbelly of THE HESPERUS roaring overhead, only a few feet above, and set against that, THE DOCTOR, holding the gun, spread-eagled, falling –

FX: HIGH ANGLE on GLASS ROOF, Gate Room & Void below, as THE DOCTOR, FALLING, SHATTERS THROUGH THE GLASS –!

Whap!! Stunt – the Doctor hits the ground, so hard –!
PRAC GLASS and broken window-pane falling all around him.

And then...

Silence.

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The Doctor has landed right in the centre, directly between the Master and the Lord President, standing either end.

But he's broken.

Lifts himself up, dazed. Cuts and bruises on his face; his suit torn.

He tries to hold up the gun.

But he can't. He's shattered. Trying so hard. Head swimming, lifting himself up on his arm...

But failing.

The gun drops.

He remains on the floor, propped up on one arm. Breathing hard. Bleeding. Defeated.

The Lord President smiles, cold.

LORD PRESIDENT
My Lord Doctor. My Lord Master.
We are gathered. For the end.

CUT TO:

INT. HESPERUS, FLIGHT DECK - DAY 5

CAMERA SHAKE, PRAC WIND blasting, though less now - ADDAMS & ROSSITER regaining the controls. WILF desperate -

WILF
Just turn it round, just land it -

ADDAMS
We're not going in there -!

WILF
I am not leaving that man on his own! Not today!

CUT TO:

EXT. NAISMITH MANSION - DAY 5

FX: grounds behind mansion, THE HESPERUS, gently lowering...

CUT TO:

OMITTED

INT. THE GATE ROOM & WHITE VOID - DAY 5

THE DOCTOR.

THE MASTER.

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THE LORD PRESIDENT and the TIME LORDS.

The Doctor now hauling himself up, on to his knees.

THE DOCTOR
...listen to me. You can't...

LORD PRESIDENT
It is a fitting paradox, that our salvation comes at the hand of our most infamous child.

THE DOCTOR
Ohhhh, he's not saving you! Don't you realise what he's doing?!

THE MASTER
Hey, no, hey, that's mine! Hush! Don't spoil it! Let me! But look around you! I've transplanted myself into every Human being.

FX: to one side of the room, watching all this, THREE TECHNICIAN-MASTERS & the MR DANES-MASTER. Other side -

FX: NAISMITH-MASTER, and ABIGAIL MASTER has returned, one TECHNICIAN-MASTER inside the GLASS BOOTH, plus THREE VISORED GUARD-MASTERS. All standing back, watching the White Void.

THE MASTER (CONT'D)
But who wants a mongrel little species like them? Cos now I can transplant myself into every single Time Lord! Oh yes, Mr President, sir, standing there all noble and resplendent and decrepit, think how much better you're gonna look - as me!

But the Lord President simply holds up his GAUNTLET.

FX: a BLUE SHINE around the metal glove.

ONLINE FX: NAISMITH-MASTER'S HEAD shuddering, a blur -

THE MASTER (CONT'D)
No, don't, no no no no no -!

ALL VISORED GUARDS clutch their headgear -

FX: THREE TECHNICIAN-MASTERS' HEADS shuddering, a blur -

CUT TO:

133 INT. WHITE HOUSE PRESS ROOM - NIGHT 5

ONLINE FX: PRESIDENT-MASTER's head shuddering -

CUT TO:
INT. UNIT HQ, GENEVA – DAY 5

ONLINE FX: GENERAL-MASTER'S HEAD shuddering, a blur –

ONLINE FX: 4 OPERATIVE-MASTER'S HEADS shuddering, a blur –

CUT TO:

EXT. PARADE GROUND – NIGHT 5

FX: 100 SOLDIER-MASTERS, HEADS shuddering –

CUT TO:

INT. THE GATE ROOM & WHITE VOID – DAY 5

ONLINE FX: JOSHUA NAISMITH, HEAD shuddering, and snap –!

The real Naismith, back in place. Exhausted, dizzy, lost,
sinks to his knees – clutching ABIGAIL, also restored –

Around the room: TECHNICIANS, normal, though staggered, MR
DANES, GUARDS ripping off headgear, gasping for air –

CUT TO:

INT. NOBLES' KITCHEN – DAY 5

SYLVIA NOBLE, on her knees, normal again, touches her face.

SYLVIA
What was that? What happened..?

SHAUN, back to normal, just getting to his feet, nearby.

SHAUN
Donna? Where's Donna??

But then... Gradual CAMERA SHAKE. Getting worse. The
room starts to shudder. Ornaments fall.

SYLVIA
...what's happening..?!

CUT TO:

INT. THE GATE ROOM & WHITE VOID – DAY 5

ALL HUMANS now terrified of the LORD PRESIDENT & ASSEMBLY.

LORD PRESIDENT
On your knees, mankind.

And they do so.

THE DOCTOR still kneeling. The MASTER scared, improvising:

(CONTINUED)
THE MASTER
...no, but, that's good, that's fine, cos, you said salvation. I still saved you, don't forget that!

CAMERA SHAKE. The whole room jolts! Big tremor! Things fall, clatter, everyone alarmed.

PRESIDENT & TIME LORDS lift their arms in salutation (the WEEPING TIME LORDS stay in lament) WHITE LIGHT intensifying.

LORD PRESIDENT
The approach begins!

THE MASTER
Approach of what..?

THE DOCTOR
Something is returning. Don't you ever listen?! That was the prophecy, not someone. Something!

THE MASTER
But what is it?!

THE DOCTOR
They're not just bringing back the species. They're bringing back the whole planet, it's Gallifrey! Right here! Right now!

Rumbling. Shaking. And the windows grow dark...

CUT TO:

EXT. NOBLES' STREET - DAY 5

DAY-FOR-NIGHT, everything already a graded eclipse-blue, as SYLVIA & SHAUN run out, already scared -

Other NEIGHBOURS stepping out of their doors.

And they all look up. In horror.

FX: TILT UP TO THE SKY, now eclipse-blue, the sun being hidden by... GALLIFREY! And it's vast. Right on top of them. Filling the sky. A huge, burnt-orange planet, its surface ripped with fire, the whole globe slowly rolling.

People start running. Screaming. Panic.

Shaun running off, only caring about -

SHAUN
Donna! Donna -!

Sylvia stands there. Looking up. A whisper, a prayer:

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SYLVIA

Oh Doctor. Please.

CUT TO:

FX SHOT. EARTH & GALLIFREY

FX: THE EARTH *dwarfed* by the mighty BURNING, ORANGE PLANET, rolling towards it...

CUT TO:

EXT. FX SHOT. GALLIFREY - DAY

FX: ANGLE as sc.2FX shot 1, now tilting up to see PLANET EARTH in the dark-orange sky...

CUT TO:

INT. NAISMITH MANSION, CORRIDOR - DAY 5

(NB, mansion still in DAY, but graded eclipse-blue outside any windows, now, until sc.148.)

CAMERA SHAKE. WILF trying to run, never giving up -

CUT TO:

INT. THE GATE ROOM & WHITE VOID - DAY 5

CAMERA SHAKE, everything trembling. Panic! On NAISMITH, kneeling, terrified, like a craven animal, with ABIGAIL.

ABIGAIL

Do something! Daddy, do something!

NAISMITH

I'm sorry. Oh God. I'm sorry -

And he hauls Abigail to her feet, they run -

MR DANES, TECHNICIANS, GUARDS all start running - THE DOCTOR horrified - THE MASTER scared, improvising at the President -

THE MASTER

But I did this, yeah? I get the credit! I'm on your side, yeah?

- people running out - as WILF runs in, fighting the tide -

WILF

- out of my way - !

THE DOCTOR

Wilf. Don't...
Powering up, ADDAMS frantic, at the controls, with ROSSITER:

ADDAMS
We're getting out of here, this whole planet's gonna be knocked out of orbit!

ROSSITER
But what about the Doctor?

ADDAMS
He said he was dying!

CUT TO:

DAY-FOR-NIGHT/eclipse. NAISMITH, ABIGAIL & MR DANES, plus TECHNICIANS, GUARDS, HOUSEHOLD STAFF, running out, panic - Stopping. Looking up in terror. 

FX: GALLIFREY. Filling the sky. Closer and closer. And the little HESPERUS zooms into the distance, escaping - Naismith falls to his knees, helpless, like he's crying in front of an angry God. Abigail just leaves him, runs on.

CUT TO:

CAMERA SHAKE. A final TECHNICIAN, an ordinary bloke, is trapped in the LOCKED GLASS BOOTH, hammering on the glass -

WILF
I've got you!

He runs into the OPEN BOOTH, closes the door. Very fast - Wilf presses the RED BUTTON - OPEN/LOCKED change sides, the Technician bolts out of OPEN, runs for his life - Wilfred stuck in his booth, staring out of the glass.

THE DOCTOR. Still kneeling. To the Lord President:

THE DOCTOR
Stop. I'm begging you. Just stop.

THE MASTER's scared - manic smile, trying to hide it:

THE MASTER
But this is fantastic, yeah? Isn't it? The Time Lords! Restored!

(CONTINUED)
THE DOCTOR
You weren't there. In the final days of the War. You never saw what was born. But if the Timelock's broken, then everything's coming through, not just the Daleks, but the Skaro Degradations, the Horde of Travesties, the Nightmare Child, the Couldhavebeen King with his Army of Meanwhiles and Never-weres. The War turned into Hell. And that's what you've opened, right above the Earth. Hell is descending.

THE MASTER
My kind of world!

THE DOCTOR
Just listen!!! Cos even the Time Lords can't survive that -

LORD PRESIDENT
We will initiate the Final Sanction. The End of Time will come. At my hand! The rupture will continue, until it rips the Time Vortex apart.

THE MASTER
...but that's suicide.

LORD PRESIDENT
We will ascend! To become creatures of consciousness alone. Free from these bodies, free from time and cause and effect; while creation itself ceases to be.

THE DOCTOR
(to the Master)
D'you see, now? That's what they were planning. In the final days of the War. I had to stop them.

THE MASTER
Then... take me with you! Let me ascend, Lord President. Into glory!

LORD PRESIDENT
You are diseased. Albeit a disease of our own creation. No more.

And the Lord President lifts his GAUNTLET.

The Master. Powerless. Tearful. Backing away...

The Lord President, staring, cold.

The Master, as far back as he can go.

(CONTINUED)
FX: THE LORD PRESIDENT'S GAUNTLET begins to shine...
And on the shot of the Master, THROW FOCUS as THE DOCTOR...
STANDS UP.
Strong again; the very last of his strength.
Never more determined.
Holding the GUN.
Aiming it right down the lens.
At the Lord President.

Ka-chik!

Camera shake stops. The moment suspended. Gauntlet no longer shining. Men at the edge of their lives.
The Doctor.
The Master.
The Lord President.
The choice.

LORD PRESIDENT (CONT'D)
Choose your enemy well. We are many. And the Master is but one.

THE MASTER
But he's the President. Kill him.
And Gallifrey could be yours.

The Doctor - literally standing at the mid-point between the Master and the Lord President, pivots on the spot, slamming the gun fast, from one hand to the other -
Now aiming at the Master.
Breathing hard.

THE MASTER (CONT'D)
He's the one to blame, not me!

The Doctor keeps staring. Aiming. The Master realises...

THE MASTER (CONT'D)
Ohh, but the link's inside my head. Kill me, the link gets broken...
And they go back.

The Doctor staring: exactly!
The Master stands his ground, contemptuous:
THE MASTER (CONT'D)
You never would.
(silence)
You never would, you coward.
(silence)
Go on then, do it!

The Doctor's finger tightens on the trigger.

His face.

With such conviction...

The Master's facade weakens.

THE MASTER (CONT'D)
Don't.

The Doctor agonised...

But then -

Pivot, switch, the Doctor spinning round again -

Gun pointed at the Lord President -

The Master vicious, of the President:

THE MASTER (CONT'D)
Exactly! He's the link, it's him,
it's not just me, kill him!!

The Doctor aiming.

Finger on the trigger...

But the President is so confident, so strong.

LORD PRESIDENT
The final act of your life, is
murder. But which one of us?

On the Doctor.

Looking at the President.

But aware, so aware, of the Master behind him.

Which one?

Which one??

The Doctor, the agony.

The silence.

And then...

The Doctor's eyes just flick a fraction to the left.

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As behind the President...

The FEMALE WEEPING TIME LORD lowers her hands.

She looks up.

It's the WOMAN.

On the Doctor.

Recognising her. After all this time.

On Wilf, behind glass.

The Woman stares at the Doctor. But then, her eyes flicker just a fraction to the right. Meaning, behind the Doctor.

Meaning the Master.

And the Doctor pivots round, one last time, switches the gun to his other hand, now aiming it right at the Master.

The Master terrified.

About to die.

The Doctor's finger on the trigger.

Tighter...

And then...

So calm:

THE DOCTOR

Get out of the way.

Beat, on the Master. Realising. And he falls to the side - Revealing the DIAMOND-COMPUTER right behind him.

And the Doctor FIRES!

PRAC FX: THE DIAMOND-RED-SPACE EXPLODES!!

CAMERA SHAKE, going crazy! PRAC WIND BLASTS through the room - ! The Lord President, Chancellor & Time Lords in agony, battling the titanic wind, robes blowing – only the Male Weeping Time Lord and the Woman standing tall –

CUT TO:

INT. BLACK VOID

CU THE VISIONARY, screaming into CAMERA:

VISIONARY

- Gallifrey falling!

(MORE)

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VISIONARY (CONT'D)
Gallifrey faaaaalls -!

CUT TO:

147 EXT. FX SHOT. EARTH & GALLIFREY

FX: THE EARTH dwarfed, but GALLIFREY beginning to FADE...

CUT TO:

147A EXT. NOBLES' STREET - DAY 5

DAY-FOR-NIGHT, but brightening. PEOPLE still running past, but SYLVIA watching the sky. Joyous! Prayers answered...

FX: GALLIFREY fading away! SUNLIGHT begins to stream down.

CUT TO:

148 INT. THE GATE ROOM & WHITE VOID - DAY 5

CAMERA SHAKE - WIND BLASTING, ferocious. PRAC WHITE LIGHT beginning to flare, behind the TRIANGLE -

THE DOCTOR
The link is broken! Back into the Time War, Rassilon! Back into Hell!

CU LORD PRESIDENT, flinching against the wind, but still strong. Furious. He lifts up his GAUNTLET:

The Doctor stands there.
Terrified. But not moving.

LORD PRESIDENT
You'll die with me, Doctor.

THE DOCTOR
I know.

FX: THE GAUNTLET shines with BLUE LIGHT, softly.
The Woman bows her head again, sadly, covers her face.

CU the Doctor
Ready to die.

CU Lord President
Murder in his eyes.

And then, on CU Doctor -
The Master steps in front of him.

(CONTINUED)
THE MASTER
Get out of the way.

FX: The Master savage, FIRES ARCS OF ELECTRICITY FROM HIS HANDS, SKELETONING as he does so - !

FX: The Lord President, wracked with ELECTRICITY, screaming -

CU on the Master, furious, righteous:

THE MASTER (CONT'D)
You did this to me! All of my life! You made me!

FX: The Master walking forward, strong, SKELETON FACE and REAL FACE flickering, firing ARC after ARC after ARC after ARC, his final - One! Two! Three! Four! -

- the Master walking into the PRAC WHITE LIGHT - losing resolution as he, the Lord President, the Time Lords DE-FOCUS against the white -

The Doctor horrified, shielding his eyes -

All of them DEFOCUS into the whiteness, just shapes -

FULL-SCREEN WHITE FLARE, and

MIX TO:

INT. THE GATE ROOM - DAY 5

THE DOCTOR. The White Void gone. The Gate back in place.

And he falls to his knees.

Exhausted.

Long, long silence. Then:

THE DOCTOR
I'm alive.

He looks round. His hands. His face. Legs!

THE DOCTOR (CONT'D)
I didn't... There was... I'm still alive! Ohhhhhhh.

And he leans against a desk, so tired.

So happy.

So very happy.

Hold on him.

For a long time.

(CONTINUED)
And then...
So quietly.

Behind him.

Tap-tap-tap-tap.

Four times.

The Doctor looks up.

Tap-tap-tap-tap.

Pause. Then again.

Tap-tap-tap-tap.

And all the joy drains out of the Doctor. All the hope. His entire future, gone. As he realises. Slowly, he turns round. Knowing already what he'll see.

WILF.

Still in the glass booth. It was him; one more time, he taps lightly on the glass, one-two-three-four.

Lights flashing on the control panel behind Wilf. And now, slowly, bring up the sound of an ALARM, a red alert; it's been there from the top of the scene, but only now filtering into the Doctor's consciousness.

Wilf tries a little smile.

WILF

They've gone, then. Good-oh. If you could let me out..?

THE DOCTOR

Yeah.

WILF

This thing seems to be making a bit of a noise.

The Doctor strolls over. Quiet. Bitter.

THE DOCTOR

The Master. He left the Nuclear Bolt running. It's gone into overload.

WILF

And that's bad, is it?

THE DOCTOR

No. Cos all the excess radiation gets vented inside there. Vinvocci glass. Contains it. All 500,000 rads about to flood that thing.

(CONTINUED)
WILF
Better let me out, then.

THE DOCTOR
Except it's gone critical. Touch one control. It floods.
(of the sonic)
Even this. Would set it off.

Silence.
Wilf so upset.

WILF
I'm sorry.

THE DOCTOR
Sure.

WILF
Just leave me.

THE DOCTOR
Okay! Right then! I will! Cos you had to go in there, didn't you? You had to go and get stuck, oh yes! Cos that's who you are, Wilfred. You were always this. Waiting for me. All this time.

WILF
But really. Leave me. I'm an old man, Doctor. I've had my time.

THE DOCTOR
Well exactly! Look at you. Not remotely important. But me! I could do so much more. So! Much! More! But this is what I get. My reward! And it's not fair!!!

- proper fury, turning away to lash out, kicking something -

Then silence.
Then quiet, calm:

THE DOCTOR (CONT'D)
Lived too long.

He walks back towards the OPEN BOOTH.

WILF
...don't, please Doctor, no don't, please don't, sir, please...

The Doctor's hand on the door.

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THE DOCTOR
Wilfred. It's my honour.

WILF
But you're better than me.

THE DOCTOR
Don't you ever say that.
(pause, deep breath)
Better be quick, three, two, one -

The Doctor enters - closes the door behind him - so fast -
- slams the RED BUTTON -
- OPEN and LOCKED switch sides, the Doctor LOCKED -
- Wilf running out of OPEN -

And FIERCE RED PRAC LIGHT, fills the LOCKED BOOTH. Burning.
The Doctor in agony. Wracked with pain.

Wilf despairing.
The Doctor looks at him. Tries to smile.

More pain, worse, he sinks to his knees, yelling out -
Bows his head. Curled up like a kid, in the red light.
Wilf stepping back, now, so scared.

And then the red light... Just fades away.

The Doctor looks up.

Still himself. But his face is hollow now, haunted.

WILF
Hello.

THE DOCTOR
Hi.

WILF
Still with us?

The Doctor standing. He seems fine, just a bit dislocated.
Taps one of the controls inside the booth.

THE DOCTOR
System's dead. I absorbed it all.
Whole thing's... kaput.

OPEN/LOCKED signs dead. He tries the door. It opens.
THE DOCTOR (CONT'D)

Now it opens, yeah.

He walks out.

WILF
There we are then. Safe and sound. 
Mind you! You're in hell of a state. Got some battle scars there.

The Doctor's still bloodied & bruised. But now, he lifts his cut, bruised hands, covers his face, rubs his hands over his face, shivering a little, brrrr.

Takes his hands away.

Blood and bruises gone.

WILF (CONT'D)
But they've... Your face! How did you do that?

The Doctor looks at his hands; now clean again.

THE DOCTOR
It's started.

Wilf just gives a little 'Oh.' Understanding enough.

He goes to the Doctor.

And they hug.

WIDE SHOT, the two men alone. Hold on that.

CUT TO:

INT. NOBLES' KITCHEN - DAY 5

DONNA, unconscious on the settee. SHAUN at her side, worried. SYLVIA approaching, helpless, with a cuppa.

SHAUN
It's no good, she's freezing, how long was she lying there? It's like hypothermia - try them again!

SYLVIA
I did, it's engaged, everyone's dialling 999, I can't get through.

SHAUN
But we've got to do something! We've got to wake her up. Donna? Can you hear me..?

But then Sylvia looks up. Hearing, far-off...

The engines of the Tardis.

(CONTINUED)
That magical sound.
Filling the air, stronger than ever before. Bringing life and strength and hope.

...and Donna's eyes flicker open.

Sylvia smiling. Shaun overjoyed!

SHAUN (CONT'D)
Donna, it's me, I'm here, you're safe, you're home.

DONNA
...but... what happened? I was... Did I miss something? Again?!

And Sylvia hurries out, so happy -

CUT TO:

EXT. NOBLES' STREET - DAY 5

SYLVIA stepping out. For once, delighted to see -

THE TARDIS. A good distance away, down the street. THE DOCTOR & WILF standing outside it, the Doctor now in an clean, undamaged brown suit. Sylvia waves; thank you.

CUT TO the Doctor & Wilf, the Doctor more his old self.

THE DOCTOR
Oh, she's smiling. As if today wasn't bad enough. Anyway! Don't go thinking this is goodbye! I'll see you, Wilf. One more time.

WILF
What d'you mean, when's that?

THE DOCTOR
Just keep looking. And I'll be there.

WILF
But where are you going?

THE DOCTOR
To get my reward.

And he steps into the Tardis. On the door - *slam* - !

CUT TO:

EXT. ABANDONED FACTORY - DAY 6

PRAC SQUIBS EXPLODING on the ground! *Bang! Bang! Bang!*
Someone runs through them - feet, running, running, running -

(CONTINUED)
MARTHA. Gunfire, explosions at her feet - she keeps going -

It's all cement and weeds, the open area of an abandoned factory; tall, decaying buildings all around.
Martha running to a hiding-hole, a corner of ruined walls -- she ducks down, joining --

MICKEY SMITH! With a gun & backpack.

MICKEY
I told you to stay behind!

MARTHA
Looks like you need help. Besides, you're the one who persuaded me to go freelance.

MICKEY
Yeah, but we're getting fired at! By a Sontaran! A dumpling with a gun! This is no place for a married woman!

MARTHA
Well then. You shouldn't have married me.

And Martha Smith-Jones moves round, next to Mickey.

CUT TO POV from high-up inside the factory. SONTARAN POV, the hairlines of a gun. Targeting:

Martha & Mickey together, down below. They're not looking this way, talking, in hiding, reckoning that the Sontaran is in a completely different direction.

REVERSE on the Sontaran, with his gun. COMMANDER JASK.

He readies his weapon.

Rifle POV. Target zooming in on Martha.

Her forehead.

Jask licking his lips. About to fire...

Bonk!

Jask blinks. Then falls down out of frame, unconscious.

Behind him, THE DOCTOR. With a mallet.

CUT BACK TO Mickey and Martha, consulting a blueprint.

MICKEY
Cos I think, if we go in here, get to the factory floor, down that corridor, he won't know we're there --

MARTHA
Mickey.

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She's looking up, he follows her eyeline.

Far above, full-length, the Doctor is looking down at them.

Hold the moment. They look at him. He looks at them.

Then the Doctor walks back into darkness, gone.

They stay staring up. The noise of the Tardis fills the air. And somehow, they just know he was saying goodbye.

Mickey

Hey.

Pulling Martha to him. Together. Both so sad.

Cut to:

153 Ext. Bannerman Road - Day 7

Luke Smith, sauntering along, on his mobile, cheery -

Luke

- but that was the maddest Christmas ever, Clyde! Mum still doesn't know what happened. But she got Mr Smith to put out this story, saying that wi-fi went mad, all across the world, giving everyone hallucinations! I mean, how else are you going to explain it? Everyone with a different face!

He's laughing away, crossing the road - not looking -

Luke foreground, A car speeding towards him -

- a hand reaches out -

- pulls Luke back, out of the road -!


Luke (Cont'd)

But it's you! You're...

But the Doctor just walks away. Fast.

Luke goes belting towards 13 Bannerman Road -

Luke (Cont'd)

Mum! Mum -!

Sarah Jane comes running round the corner, almost colliding -

Sarah Jane

What is it?!
LUKE
It's him! It's the Doctor!

And she looks down the street.

The TARDIS a long way off. The Doctor a distant figure. But he stops at the door.

Looks at her. Gives a single wave. Then steps inside.

On Sarah Jane & Luke; sound of the Tardis fills the air.

And Sarah Jane is crying.

Because she knows.

CUT TO:

INT. ALIEN BAR - NIGHT

CAPTAIN JACK HARKNESS sits all alone, at the bar. Deep in thought. He's lost so much, and found nothing.


FX: an ADIPOSE waddles past Jack, on the counter, mewling.

Then the barman slides a piece of paper over to Jack.

BARMAN
From the man over there.

Jack's puzzled. Looks up.

Far across the bar, THE DOCTOR. Just standing there.

Jack smiles, a little, but stays where he is. Knows something's different. Holds up the paper, what's this?

The Doctor just nods, open it.

Jack does so.

A handwritten note, saying:

His name is Alonso.

Jack looks up again.

The Doctor nods, to his left.

The man sitting next to Jack, also on his own, turns around. It's MIDSHIPMAN FRAME.


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The Doctor gives that little salute back. Then turns away, into the shadows, gone.

As the sound of the Tardis echoes away in the distance, Jack turns to Midshipman Frame.

CAPTAIN JACK
So, Alonso. Going my way?

MIDSHIPMAN FRAME
How d'you know my name?

CAPTAIN JACK
I'm kinda psychic.

MIDSHIPMAN FRAME
Really? D'you know what I'm thinking right now?

CAPTAIN JACK
Oh yeah.

CUT TO:

INT. BOOKSHOP - DAY 9


The queue leading to VERITY, sitting at a table, a stack of books next to her. She is the image of Joan Redfern (eps 3.8 & 9). Chatting to a customer, as she signs.

VERITY
...it's not just a story, every word of it is true. I found my great grandmother's diary in the loft. And she was a nurse, in 1913, and she fell in love with this man, called John Smith. Except he was a visitor. From another world. She fell in love with a man from the stars. And she wrote it all down.

Customer moves off, next one moves in foreground - she automatically takes the book, doesn't look up.

VERITY (CONT'D)
And who's it for?

MAN
The Doctor.

VERITY
To... the Doctor...
(adds her name)
Funny, that was the name he used.

(CONTINUED)
And as she hands the book back, she looks up.

THE DOCTOR standing here.

And she's breathless.

She knows. She just knows.

The Doctor so grave. So kind.

Hold the stare, the silence. She can't help it, she starts to cry, just a little. And then:

THE DOCTOR
Was she happy? In the end?

VERITY
Yes. Yes she was.

Hold the silence.

VERITY (CONT'D)
Were you?

He gives a small smile. Takes the book. Walks away.

CUT TO:

156 EXT. CHURCH - DAY 10

Confetti! Church bells! People smiling, laughing, throwing confetti as the Bride and Groom, DONNA and SHAUN TEMPLE-NOBLE come out of a perfect springtime picture-book church.

She's never been so happy. The biggest smile!

JUMP CUT to Donna & Shaun, lining up for photos -

DONNA
- come on, you lot, get in, this photo's just with friends, I want all of you in, that's it. And you! Friends, and Nerys.
  (everyone laughs)
  Only joking! Look at her!

NERYS
You made me wear peach.

DONNA
Because you are a peach. Furry skin, stone inside, going off.

CUT TO WILF & SYLVIA, standing a distance back, in all their finery, smiling. MINNIE's there too, all saucy.

MINNIE
What d'you think then, Wilfred?
Never too late!

(CONTINUED)
WILF
Oh, give up, woman!

MINNIE
I'm gonna catch the bouquet!

Minnie runs off, gleeful. But Sylvia is looking across...

SYLVIA
Dad.

Wilf looks.

Far away, outside the church: THE DOCTOR, and the TARDIS.

JUMP CUT TO Wilf & Sylvia, hurrying up to the Doctor.

WILF
There now, same old face. Didn't I say you'd be all right? Oh!
And they arrested Mr Naismith! It was on the news. Crimes undisclosed! And his daughter. Both of 'em, locked up!
(pause)
But I keep thinking, Doctor...
There's one thing you never told me. That woman. Who was she?

The Doctor just looks. At Wilf. At Sylvia. At Donna, in the distance. Friends, mothers, brides.

He's not saying.

THE DOCTOR
Just wanted to give you this.

He hands Wilf an envelope.

THE DOCTOR (CONT'D)
Wedding present. Thing is, I never carry money. So I just popped back in time, borrowed a quid off a really lovely man. Geoffrey Noble, his name was. Have it, he said. Have that on me.

On Wilf and Sylvia. Overwhelmed.

JUMP CUT TO Wilf, a little shaken, back inside the churchyard with Donna & guests, handing her the envelope -

DONNA
Oh, don't tell me, it's a bill!
Just what I need, right now!
(opens it, to find:)
A lottery ticket! What a cheap present! Who was that?!
(MORE)
DONNA (CONT'D)
Still, you never know, it's a triple rollover this week, I might get lucky!
And she tucks it down her cleavage, runs off, to Shaun -

DONNA (CONT'D)
Oy! Shaun! We're on a schedule, oxtail soup at 2.30 sharp!

But stay on Wilf, with Sylvia. Both knowing what this means. Both overjoyed. And staring to cry.

They look across.

The Doctor, and the Tardis.

He turns and goes.

Wilfred, crying, with confetti in the air, salutes him.

CUT TO:

EXT. TYLERS' ESTATE - NIGHT

Snow. Falling through the air. Against black.

Coming down to find the ground-floor courtyard, covered in snow. A bell is tolling in the distance. Midnight.

No one around except a girl and her mother, walking along together. ROSE TYLER, and JACKIE. Niggling!

ROSE
I'm late now, I missed it, it's midnight. Mickey's gonna be calling me everything. That's your fault!

JACKIE
It's not, it's Jimbo, he said he'd give us a lift, then he said his axle broke, I can't help it!

ROSE
Get rid of him, mum, he's useless.

JACKIE
Listen to you! With a mechanic! Be fair though, my time of life, I'm not gonna do much better.

They stop, a little kinder:

ROSE
Oh, don't be like that. You never know. Could be someone out there.

JACKIE
Maybe. One day. Happy new year.

ROSE
Happy new year!

(CONTINUED)
And they hug.

Then head off, different ways. Calling back:

ROSE (CONT'D)
And don't stay out all night!

JACKIE
Try and stop me!

And Rose walks on, alone.

A good distance away, watching, from the shadows. THE DOCTOR. Silent. In the snow. His face in darkness.

She doesn't even see him, just walking on by...

But then he winces. Pain. Can't help gasping, ow!

She stops. Looks across. A bit wary, keeps her distance.

ROSE
You all right, mate?

THE DOCTOR
Yeah.

ROSE
Too much to drink?

THE DOCTOR
Something like that.

ROSE
Maybe it's time you went home.

THE DOCTOR
Yeah.

Pause.

ROSE
Anyway. Happy new year.

THE DOCTOR
And you.

She's about to turn and go, but -

THE DOCTOR (CONT'D)
What year is this?

ROSE
Blimey, how much did you have? It's 2005. January the first.

THE DOCTOR
2005. Tell you what. I bet you're going to have a really great year.

(CONTINUED)
And she smiles; liking him.

ROSE
Yeah.
(pause)
See ya.

And Rose Tyler walks away, to the future.
The Doctor is left alone.
He turns, starts to walk.

In the distance: the TARDIS.

As he walks, he loses the pretence. He's in so much pain. Dragging his feet. Every step.

He winces, sharp pain, ow!
Tries to keep going. The longest walk.
Walking through the snow.

Then it really hits him. Agony. He falls to his knees. desperate. And so alone.

He heaves for breath. Can't find the strength.

He could die, right here.

But then...

A song.
A familiar song. Drifting in through the night.
The Song of the Ood.
The Doctor looks up.

Standing far away, in the snow. OOD SIGMA.
The song is rising, now, soaring.
The Doctor gaining strength from it.

OOD SIGMA
We will sing to you, Doctor. The universe will sing you to your sleep.

And the Doctor...

Stands.

The song all around him. Inspiring him.

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OOD SIGMA (CONT'D)
This song is ending. But the story never ends.

And the Doctor keeps walking.
To the Tardis.

CUT TO:

158 INT. TARDIS - NIGHT 11
THE DOCTOR steps inside, exhausted.
He stops by the doors, rests against them, lifts his hand.
FX: the faint GOLDEN GLOW.
Then he walks up the ramp. Still surrounded by Ood-song, the unearthly choir swelling all around him.
He reaches the console. Clicks a few switches.
 Watches the Time Rotor rise and fall...

CUT TO:

159 FX SHOT. TARDIS & EARTH
FX: THE TARDIS gently circling above the EARTH.

CUT TO:

160 INT. TARDIS - NIGHT 11
The song continues. THE DOCTOR at the console.
He stands back. Closer to the ramp.
Ready, but never ready for this.
Then, quietly:

THE DOCTOR
I don't want to go.

And then, slowly...

FX: CU THE DOCTOR, as gently, a shroud of calm GOLDEN GLOW rises up around his head, his features still visible.
FX: MID-SHOT DOCTOR, lifting his GLOWING HANDS, in amazement, his face still visible within its glow.
And then, a sudden acceleration, wham - !

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FX: THE DOCTOR VOLCANOES!!! LONG SHOT, GOLDEN ENERGY blasting out of his head, his arms - beautiful, ferocious -

FX: GOLDEN ENERGY from one arm - ripping into the console - MASSIVE PRAC EXPLOSIONS, the whole thing going up - !

FX: GOLDEN ENERGY from the other arm, rips down the ramp - BLASTING THE DOORS, a MASSIVE SHEET OF FLAME flaring up!

PRAC FX: the door-windows shatter out!

FX: CRANING UP, WIDE SHOT, ENERGY still BLASTING OUT OF THE DOCTOR - PRAC FLAMES erupting all around, up through the floor! He's standing in the middle of an inferno!

The Cloister Bell tolling!

FX: CU the Doctor's head, GOLDEN ENERGY streaming out, his features finally disappearing... A new face forming...

FX: He snaps upright, ENERGY BURNING AWAY, fast, gone!

And there he is. Blinking. Dazed.

The New Man.

CUT TO:

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AND

EXT. FX SHOT. TARDIS & EARTH

FX: THE TARDIS sparking & smoking, wrecked, spiralling down towards EARTH, fast, faster, Cloister Bell tolling -

CUT TO:

INT. TARDIS - NIGHT 11

The NEW DOCTOR stands there, panting, trying to focus. Staggers slightly, legs buckling, like a new born foal. Steadies. Looks down at himself ...

THE NEW DOCTOR

Legs! Still got legs, good!!

Arms! Hands! Ooh, lots of fingers!

(Running his hands over his face now)

Ears, yes! Eyes, two! Nose, I've had worse. Chin, blimey! Hair

... I'm a girl!!

(Checks Adams apple)

No! Not a girl.

(MORE)
(Pulls a strand of hair in front of his eyes)
And still not ginger. And something else, something important, I’m, I’m --

The TARDIS shudders, throwing him against the console.

Crashing!

He’s gripping the console now, the whole ship bucking and spinning around him. Howling chaos! CAMERA SHAKE! Alarms! FLAMES all around! SMOKE! PRAC DEBRIS falling from the roof!

FX: On the scanner, Earth zooming up towards us.

The TARDIS bucks and starts to tip, the Doctor clinging madly to the console - the final descent!

Geronimo!!

END OF EPISODE 4.18