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GHOST STORIES
PART ONE OF EIGHT

THE DOCTOR

A rogue Time Lord of Gallifrey. Never cruel or cowardly, he champions the oppressed across time and space. Adventure and travel are what he lives for – and danger always has a way of finding him!

THE GHOST

Thanks to the alien gemstone he absorbed into his body as a child, Grant can fly, is invulnerable and super-strong, and doesn't feel silly dressed up in a tight leather costume to fight crime in New York City.

LUCY FLETCHER

A top journalist and investigator, Lucy. has a keen head for secrets and a sharp line in incisive prose. Mother of Jennifer, and now married to Grant, after their adventure with the Doctor eight years ago.

PREVIOUSLY...

Together, the Doctor, Lucy, and the Ghost defeated the nefarious forces of Harmony Shoal. The world saved, and his love for Lucy reciprocated, Grant put away the costume, and the Doctor left Grant and Lucy to their new life together.

But the Doctor is terrible for picking at loose ends...

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"HERE'S HOW IT STARTS...

LIVE NEWS
18:34
EXCLUSIVE

"IT'S THE DAY AFTER CHRISTMAS, AND FOR ONCE, WE'RE ACTING LIKE A *NORMAL* FAMILY.

"AND THEN SOMETHING LIKE *THIS* HAPPENS.

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WE'RE BRINGING YOU *LIVE* FOOTAGE FROM AN ARMED ROBBERY CURRENTLY UNDERWAY AT THE CITY NATIONAL BANK ON 55TH AND 9TH.

THE NYPD IS ALREADY ON THE SCENE, AND WE'RE HEARING REPORTS OF THREE MASKED MEN CARRYING *SHOTGUNS*.

I'M SORRY, GUYS.

THIS WON'T TAKE A MINUTE, LUCY. YOU UNDERSTAND...

"AND WE'RE QUICKLY REMINDED THAT WE'RE *NOT* A NORMAL FAMILY AT ALL."

WHOOOSH

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"IN FACT, WE'RE ABOUT AS *FAR* FROM A NORMAL FAMILY AS WE COULD POSSIBLY *GET*."

I'LL TAKE IT FROM HERE, GUYS.

STAY THERE! WE'LL *SHOOT!*

BE MY GUEST.

BLAM!

PING

WOORRRP

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WHAT IN THE NAME OF ALL THAT'S SANE...?

DOCTOR!

GRANT! LOVELY TO SEE YOU AGAIN. YOU'RE STILL WEARING THAT FUNNY OLD COSTUME, I SEE.

WELL, I SUPPOSE WE MUSTN'T LET ANYONE IN ON YOUR SECRET IDENTITY NOW, MUST WE?

DOCTOR, LOOK... I'M KINDA IN THE MIDDLE OF SOMETHING HERE.

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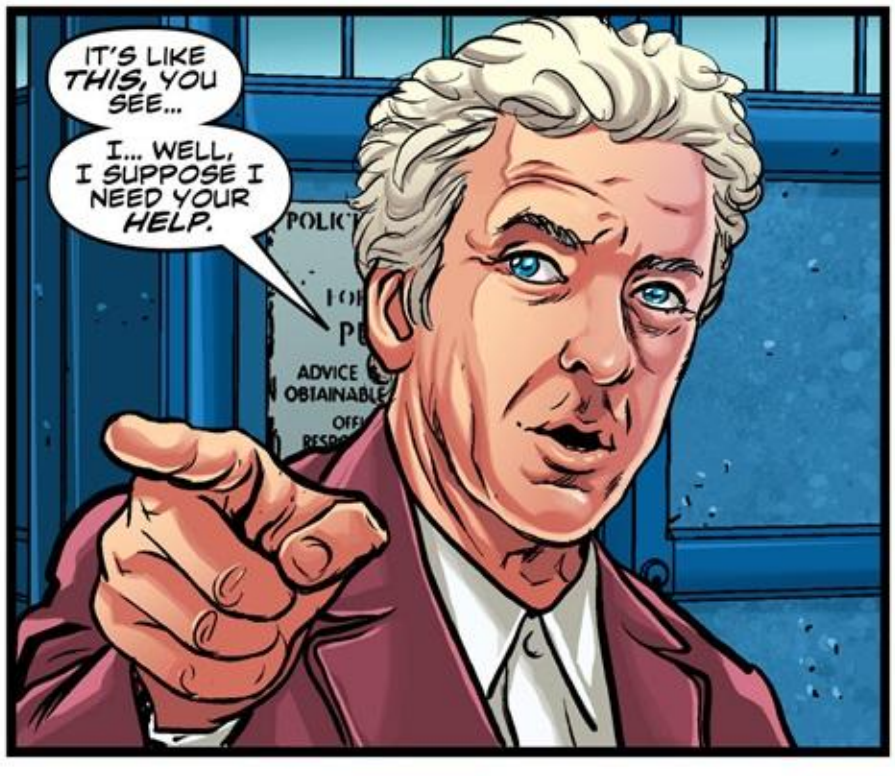

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LOOK WHO I FOUND WANDERING THE STREETS!

"THING IS, SOME DAYS JUST SET OUT TO TRICK YOU. THEY LULL YOU INTO A FALSE SENSE OF SECURITY. THE QUIET FAMILY BREAKFAST, THE COLD HAM, THE AFTERNON NAP.

DOCTOR?

"EVEN THE BANK ROBBERIES AND ALL THAT FLYING OFF MIDSENTENCE HAVE BECOME PRETTY COMMONPLACE.

"AND THEN YOU SEE AN OLD, FAMILIAR FACE, AND YOU KNOW THAT EVERYTHING'S ABOUT TO CHANGE AGAIN."

IT'S SO LOVELY TO SEE YOU AGAIN!

HANG ON...

YOU'RE NOT HERE BECAUSE OF ANOTHER ALIEN INVASION, ARE YOU?

NO, OF COURSE NOT.

ALREADY DEALT WITH THAT. PESKY SARKOVIANS. CAN'T SEEM TO LET A FESTIVE SEASON PASS WITHOUT TRYING TO STAKE A CLAIM ON THE HOME COUNTIES.

ANYWAY...

...YOU MUST BE JENNIFER.

HOW VERY... UM... HUMAN YOU'VE BECOME.

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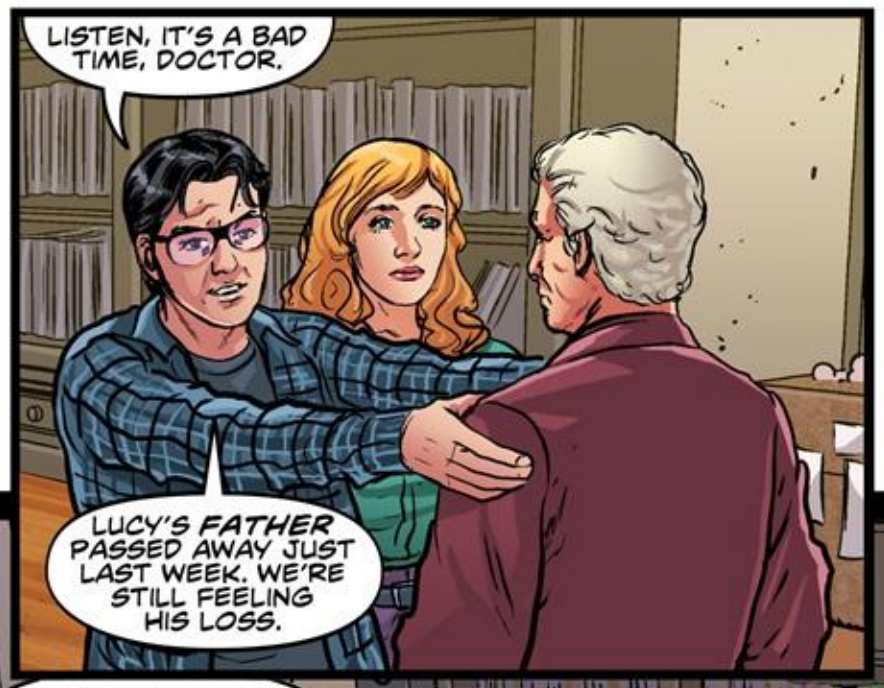

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"THAT'S HOW IT WORKS, WHEN YOU SHARE YOUR LIFE WITH A MAN LIKE GRANT. YOU DON'T SAY NO WHEN THE COSMIC COMES CALLING. THE CONSEQUENCES COULD BE TOO GRAVE.

"THOUGH THE PERKS AREN'T TOO BAD, EITHER...

WELCOME TO THE TARDIS! IMPRESSIVE, ISN'T IT?

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"AND THAT'S HOW IT *ENDS.*

...OH.

NOW *THAT'S* UNEXPECTED.

WHERE *ARE* WE?

"A QUICK WHIZZ TO THE OTHER SIDE OF THE UNIVERSE TURNS INTO A QUICK *LEAP* INTO A POST-APOCALYPTIC *FUTURE.*

NEW YORK CITY. IN THE FUTURE.

A FUTURE THAT SHOULD *NEVER* HAVE HAPPENED.

QUIET! I CAN HEAR SOMETHING.

I THINK SOMEONE'S COMING...

"SUDDENLY THE THING YOU'RE CONTEMPLATING ISN'T A HOT BATH..."

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