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## GHOST STORIES PART TWO 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!



### GRANT

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

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...

Eight years after the Doctor, Grant, and Lucy defeated the forces of Harmony Shoal in New York City, the Doctor swept back into their lives (and the life of their daughter, Jennifer)! He's on a mission to find the *other* three alien gemstones, siblings of the one that gave Grant his superheroic powers – and only Grant can lead the way! Following the gems' trail through time, the foursome ended up in a dark future New York City... ruled by the fearsome entity known as THE SMOKE!

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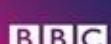


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"LOOKS LIKE ALL THE FEAR-MONGERS GOT IT **RIGHT**. IN THE FUTURE, THINGS HAVE GOTTEN PRETTY **BAD** FOR THE PEOPLE OF NEW YORK."

WELL,  
LOOK AT  
YOU!

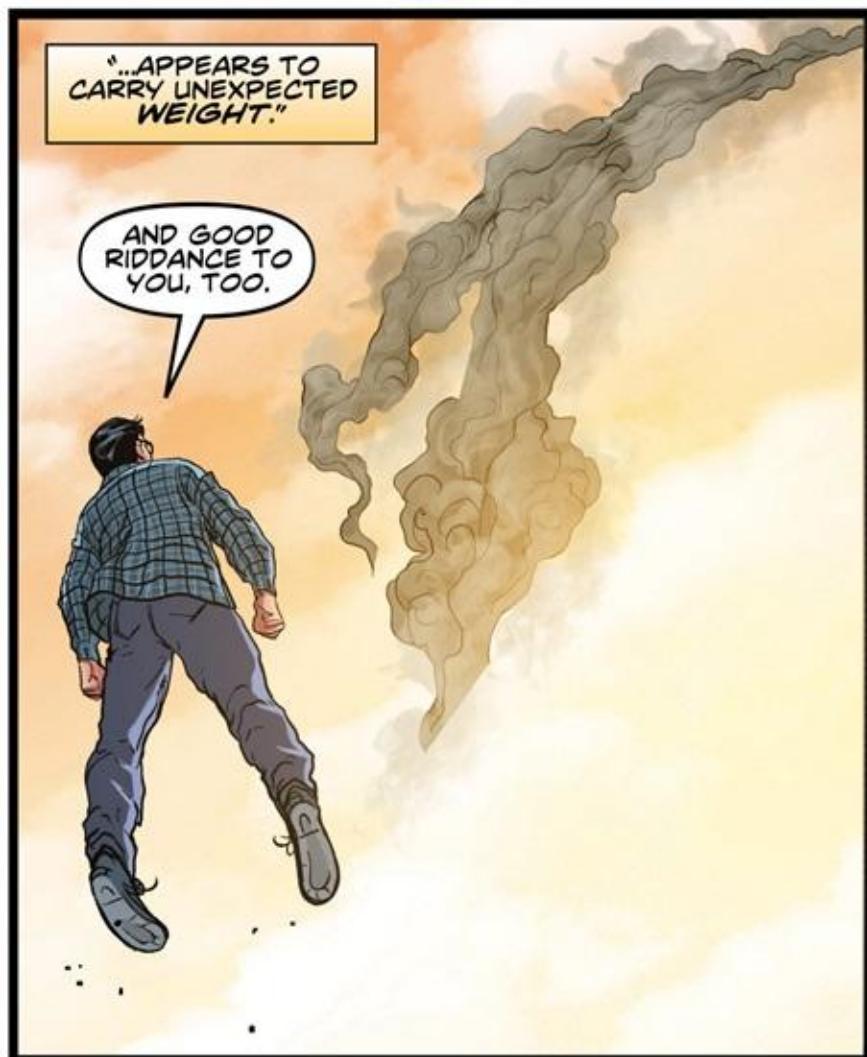
AREN'T  
YOU JUST...  
**SMOKIN'**?

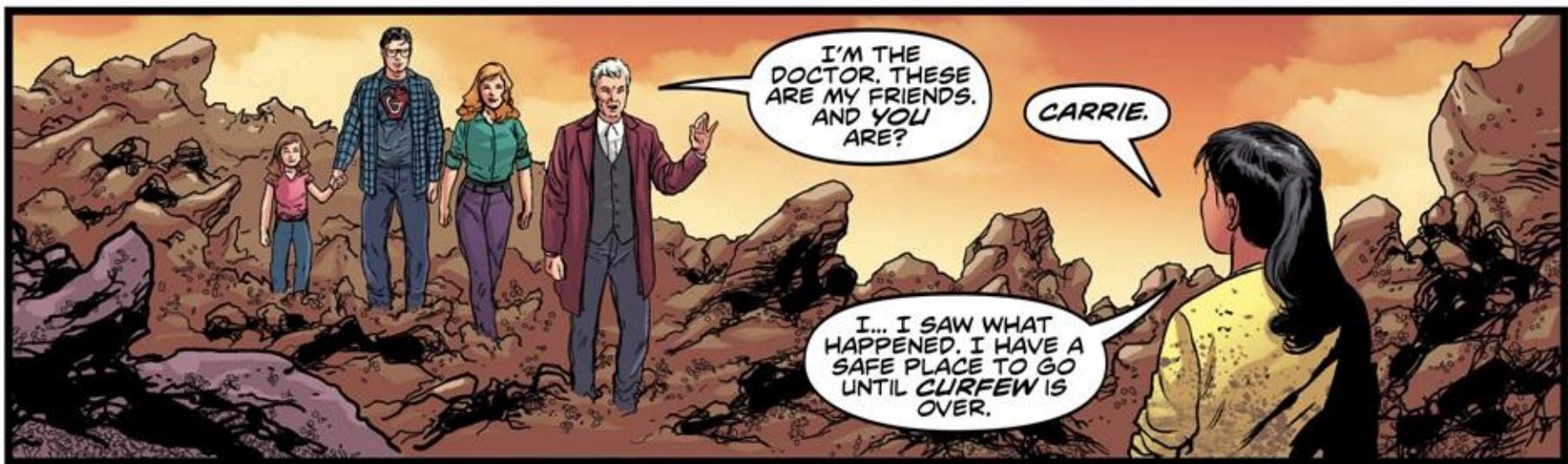
"MANHATTAN STANDS IN RUIN, ITS GLITTERING TOWERS LONG FALLEN, ITS BRIGHT NEON NOW EXTINGUISHED."

"AND THE SMOKE APPEARS TO BE THE ENFORCER OF SOME TOTALITARIAN REGIME."

I ADVISE YOU TO LEAVE. NOW.











WELL, OKAY...

THE SMOKE WASN'T ALWAYS THE WAY HE IS NOW. HE WAS ONCE A BUSINESSMAN CALLED ETHAN HALL. A PHILANTHROPIST, KEEN TO MAKE THE CITY A BETTER, SAFER PLACE.

BUT THEN HE GOT IMPATIENT. HE COULDN'T WAIT FOR THE POLITICANS, THE BUREAUCRACY. SO HE DECIDED HE WAS GOING TO DO THINGS HIS OWN WAY.



INSPIRED BY THE OLD LEGENDS OF A HERO, HE USED SOME KIND OF NEW TECHNOLOGY TO ALTER HIS PHYSIOLOGY, TO TRY TO TURN HIMSELF INTO A HERO.

BUT IT WENT WRONG. SOON HE WASN'T RECOGNIZABLY ETHAN HALL AT ALL. HE'D TURNED INTO THAT... THING.

IT MUST HAVE AFFECTED HIS MIND, TOO. HE STARTED MAKING DEMANDS ON THE PEOPLE OF NEW YORK, TRYING TO ENFORCE 'ORDER'. HE CLAIMED HE WAS DOING IT FOR OUR OWN GOOD.



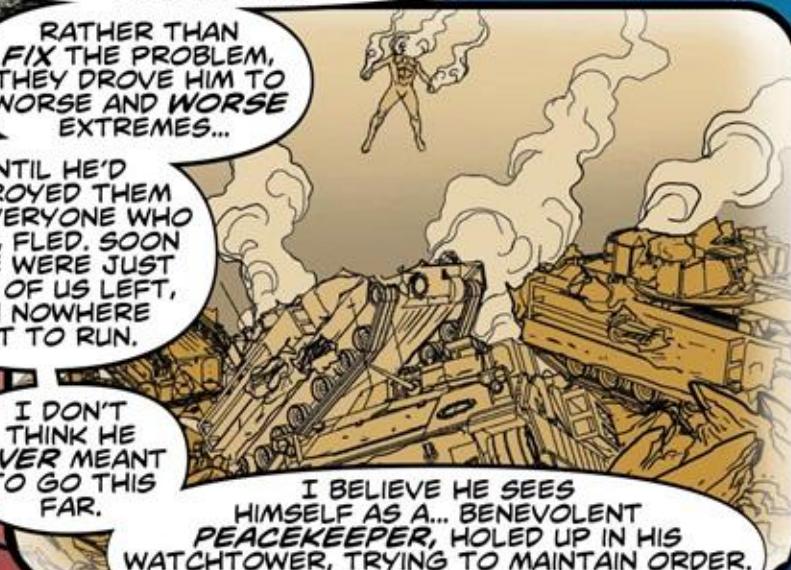
THE MILITARY DIDN'T SEE IT THAT WAY. TO THEM, HE WAS THE ENEMY, A SUPER-POWERED INVADER. IT WASN'T THE SMOKE WHO DESTROYED THE CITY, BUT ALL THE TANKS THEY BROUGHT IN TO STOP HIM.

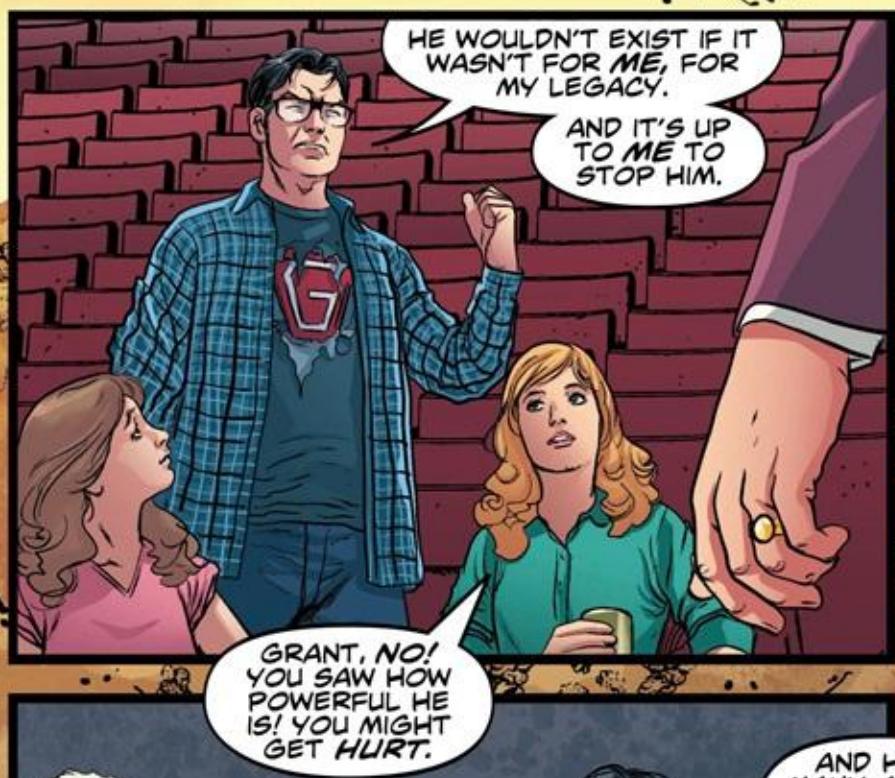
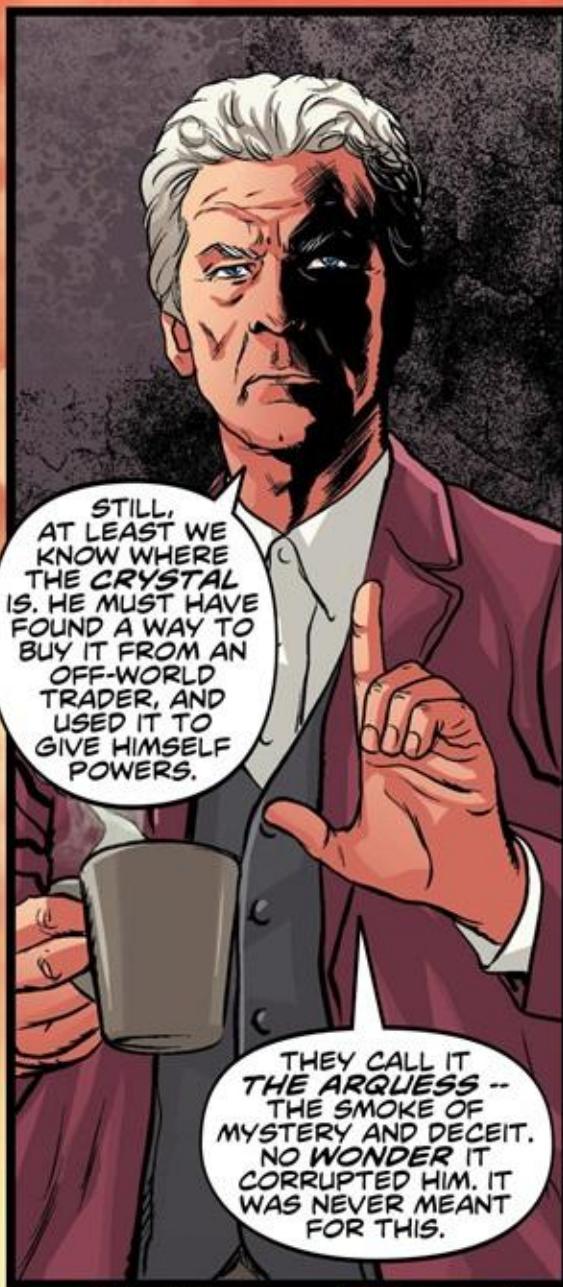
RATHER THAN FIX THE PROBLEM, THEY DROVE HIM TO WORSE AND WORSE EXTREMES...

...UNTIL HE'D DESTROYED THEM ALL. EVERYONE WHO COULD, FLED. SOON THERE WERE JUST A FEW OF US LEFT, WITH NOWHERE LEFT TO RUN.

I DON'T THINK HE EVER MEANT TO GO THIS FAR.

I BELIEVE HE SEES HIMSELF AS A... BENEVOLENT PEACEKEEPER, HOLED UP IN HIS WATCHTOWER, TRYING TO MAINTAIN ORDER.







"...YOU HAVE  
THAT HORRIBLE  
SINKING  
FEELING THAT  
THIS IS IT."

IT'S  
TOO LATE  
FOR THAT.

"THIS IS THE  
DAY YOU'VE  
ALWAYS  
DREADED."

UNNGH!

GRRRAAA!

GAH!

FAR TOO  
LATE.

"THE DAY  
WHERE IT ALL  
GOES HORRIBLY  
WRONG."



"...IS ABOUT TO  
BURST FOREVER."

...IS YOU.

TO BE CONTINUED...

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