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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...

The Doctor is back in the lives of Grant, Lucy, and 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 four ended up in a dark future New York City... ruled by the fearsome entity known as THE SMOKE, empowered by one of the gems. Facing The Smoke in direct combat, Grant soon found himself on the losing side of the battle. As The Smoke readies a killing blow, Lucy looks on in horror...!

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"PEOPLE SAY THAT THERE'S A MOMENT -- THAT SPLIT SECOND WHEN YOU REALIZE YOU'RE ABOUT TO DIE -- THAT YOUR ENTIRE LIFE FLASHES BEFORE YOUR EYES.

HOW QUICKLY THE GREAT GHOST FALLS.

ONCE, THAT SYMBOL STOOD FOR SOMETHING. NOW, IT JUST STANDS IN MY WAY.

"BUT THEY NEVER TALK ABOUT WHAT IT'S LIKE TO WATCH IT HAPPEN TO THE PERSON YOU LOVE.



"THE SUDDEN THUDDING OF YOUR HEARTBEAT, DROWNING OUT EVERY OTHER SOUND...

LUCY! GET READY.



WHAT?

"THE DIZZYING RUSH OF ADRENALINE... THE DAWNING HORROR AS YOU TRY TO PROCESS WHAT'S HAPPENING BEFORE YOUR EYES...



"YOUR INABILITY TO DO ANYTHING BUT WATCH IT ALL UNFOLD."

"THAT'S THE DIFFERENCE
BETWEEN A NORMAL PERSON
AND A BONA FIDE HERO."

NOOOOO!

"THAT ABILITY TO
REACT. TO DO EXACTLY
WHAT'S NEEDED."

"A HERO DOESN'T
FREEZE. A HERO RISES
TO THE OCCASION."

HURRY!
I'VE AGITATED HIS
MOLECULES ENOUGH TO
DISRUPT HIS PHYSICAL
FORM, BUT IT WON'T
LAST FOR LONG.

"A HERO CHASES
AWAY THE MONSTERS
AND SAVES THE DAY."

COME ON,
MOM! LET'S GET
HIM INSIDE.

"OR SACRIFICES
THEMSELVES SO
THAT OTHERS
CAN LIVE."

QUICKLY.
THERE ARE
MEDICAL SUPPLIES
IN THERE.



"I CAN HARDLY BREATHE..."

"HARDLY THINK..."



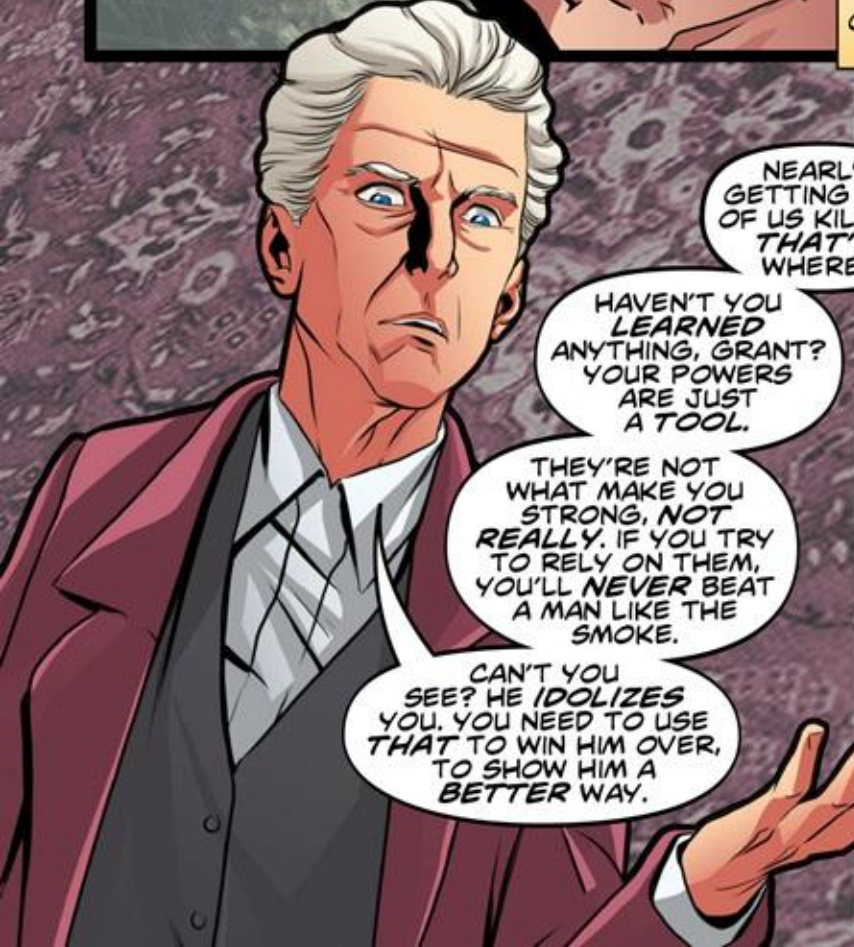
"AND THEN THERE HE IS, SMILING UP AT ME..."

"...AND INSTANTLY I KNOW THAT EVERYTHING IS GOING TO BE ALRIGHT. WITH GRANT HERE, HOW CAN IT NOT?"



RIGHT, WHERE WAS I?

NEARLY GETTING ALL OF US KILLED, THAT'S WHERE!



HAVEN'T YOU LEARNED ANYTHING, GRANT? YOUR POWERS ARE JUST A TOOL.

THEY'RE NOT WHAT MAKE YOU STRONG, NOT REALLY. IF YOU TRY TO RELY ON THEM, YOU'LL NEVER BEAT A MAN LIKE THE SMOKE.

CAN'T YOU SEE? HE IDOLIZES YOU. YOU NEED TO USE THAT TO WIN HIM OVER, TO SHOW HIM A BETTER WAY.



THAT'S YOUR TRUE POWER. YOU INSPIRE PEOPLE. TO BEAT THE SMOKE, YOU DON'T NEED HEAT VISION OR SUPER STRENGTH...

YOU NEED TO LEAD HIM TOWARDS THE LIGHT.



BUT HE'S JUST GOING TO KEEP ON COMING...

THEN WE DON'T GIVE HIM THE CHANCE. WE GO TO HIM. AND I'M GUESSING OUR NEW FRIEND HERE HAS A GOOD IDEA WHERE WE CAN FIND HIM.



"IT'S ABOUT *THIS* POINT IN THE MOVIE THAT SOMEONE INEVITABLY SAYS, 'I'VE GOT A VERY BAD FEELING ABOUT THIS.'"

HERE?

IT DOESN'T LOOK MUCH LIKE THE LAIR OF A SUPER VILLAIN.

MAYBE THAT'S BECAUSE HE'S NOT A SUPER VILLAIN. HE'S JUST A VERY CONFUSED, VERY SCARED YOUNG MAN -- AND HE NEEDS OUR HELP.



WHETHER THAT'S TRUE OR NOT, I WANT YOU TO WAIT OUT HERE.



"I'M STARTING TO UNDERSTAND WHY I USED TO THINK IT WAS JUST ANOTHER OF THOSE OVERUSED LINES.

"BUT SEEING GRANT GOING BACK TO FACE THAT MONSTER..."



"I'M BEGINNING TO BELIEVE THE CLICHE..."

NEXT TIME, WHY DON'T I JUST BRING THE TARDIS, EH?



WE'RE NOT REALLY GOING TO WAIT OUT HERE, ARE WE, MOM?

LIKE HELL WE ARE!



WATCH OUT.
HE COULD BE
ANYWHERE.



THWACK

BLINGH!

AH. YES.
I SEE YOU'VE
FOUND
HIM.



STAND
STILL AND
FACE ME!



WHOOOSH



GRANT!
REMEMBER...
THIS ISN'T WHY
WE'RE HERE!





"AND THAT'S WHEN IT **HITS ME**. BEING A HERO ISN'T JUST ABOUT FINDING THE STRENGTH TO ACT IN THE **MOMENT**."

"IT'S ABOUT HAVING THE **HEART** TO DO THE **RIGHT** THING."

YES. THAT'S WHY WE'RE HERE. WE'VE COME TO HELP YOU. DIDN'T YOU **REALIZE**? THAT'S WHAT WE DO.

"ABOUT BEING **BRAVE** ENOUGH TO STAND UP FOR WHAT YOU BELIEVE IN, NO MATTER THE **RISK**."

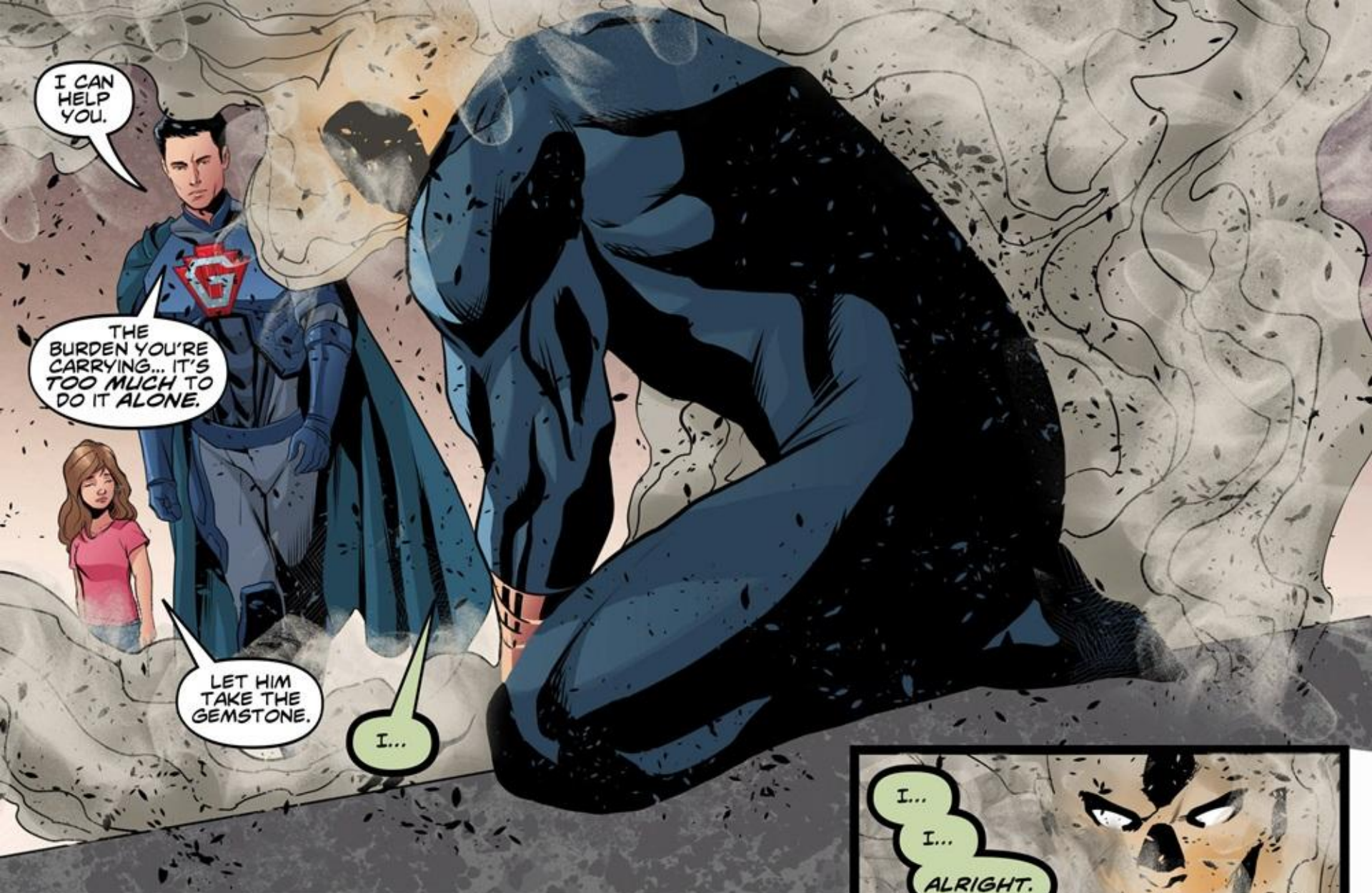
YOU CAN'T DO THIS **ALONE**, ETHAN. I KNOW WHAT HAPPENED HERE. I KNOW **EVERYTHING**. YOU WANTED TO **HELP** PEOPLE. YOU WANTED TO WEAR THE **SYMBOL**.

BUT PEOPLE WOULDN'T **LISTEN**. THEY THOUGHT YOU WERE GOING TO **HURT** THEM. THEY DIDN'T UNDERSTAND. THEY RAINED **BOMBS** ON YOU, AND **STILL**, ALL YOU WANTED TO DO WAS **HELP**.

SOMEONE HAD TO RESTORE **ORDER**. I TRIED TO TELL THEM I WAS HERE TO **HELP**... BUT I DIDN'T KNOW HOW TO **PROVE** IT.

I'M NOT A **HERO**. I NEVER WAS. I'M JUST A MAN WHO WANTED TO DO THE **RIGHT** THING. TO FOLLOW YOUR **EXAMPLE**.

HOW DID IT ALL GO SO **WRONG**?





"I WONDER HOW LONG HE'S BEEN DOING THIS. HE SEEMED SO CERTAIN THINGS WERE GOING TO WORK OUT IN THE END. HE EVEN SEEMS TO BE ENJOYING HIMSELF."

RIGHT-O!
NO TIME
FOR RESTING
ON OUR
LAURELS.

WE'VE GOT
ANOTHER TWO
GEMSTONES
TO FIND
BEFORE TEA!

"ALTHOUGH, ON REFLECTION,
HE'S NOT THE
ONLY ONE..."

HOLD ON
TIGHT!



WOOORRRP
WOOORRRP



"BUT, AS I'M BEGINNING TO UNDERSTAND, WHEN YOU TRAVEL WITH THE DOCTOR, THE SENSE OF RELIEF NEVER REALLY LASTS THAT LONG."

"YOU'RE GOING TO LOVE IT HERE ON NIXTUS III."



IT'S ONE OF THE MOST ENLIGHTENED CIVILIZATIONS IN THE GALAXY.

MILLENNIA AGO THEY CONQUERED WAR, FAMINE, POLITICAL INFIGHTING AND...

"WHENEVER HE'S INVOLVED, THINGS NEVER QUITE GO TO PLAN. HE HAS THIS INSUFFERABLE HABIT OF LEADING YOU OUT OF THE FRYING PAN..."

THE HARMONY SHOAL WELCOMES YOU TO NIXTUS III

"AND RIGHT INTO THE FIRE."

OH.
YOU KNOW, I SUPPOSE I SHOULD HAVE SEEN THAT COMING...

TO BE CONTINUED...