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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 future New York City ruled by the fearsome entity known as THE SMOKE – and reclaimed one gem. They set off in the TARDIS and arrived at their next destination... a world where the Harmony Shoal has taken over! But Grant's powers have ceased working – just as he and the Doctor are in the direst of straits!

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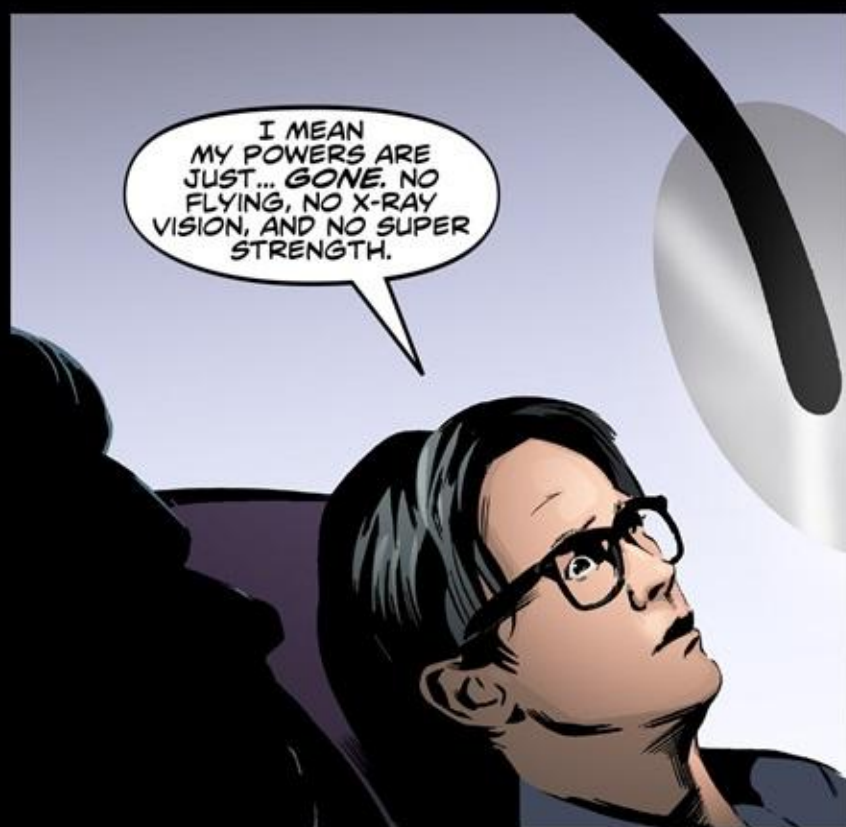
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"IT COMES TO
SOMETHING
WHEN THE ONES
BEING SAVED..."



"...ARE THE
SUPERHERO AND
HIS FRIEND
FROM BEYOND
THE STARS."



"AND THE ONES
DOING THE
SAVING..."



"ARE THE REPORTER
AND HER ELEVEN
YEAR-OLD
DAUGHTER."





LUCY?
JENNIFER?
BUT...

NO TIME
FOR ALL THAT.
THERE'LL BE MORE
OF THOSE GUARDS
ALONG SOON.



IT'S GOOD
TO SEE YOU,
THOUGH.

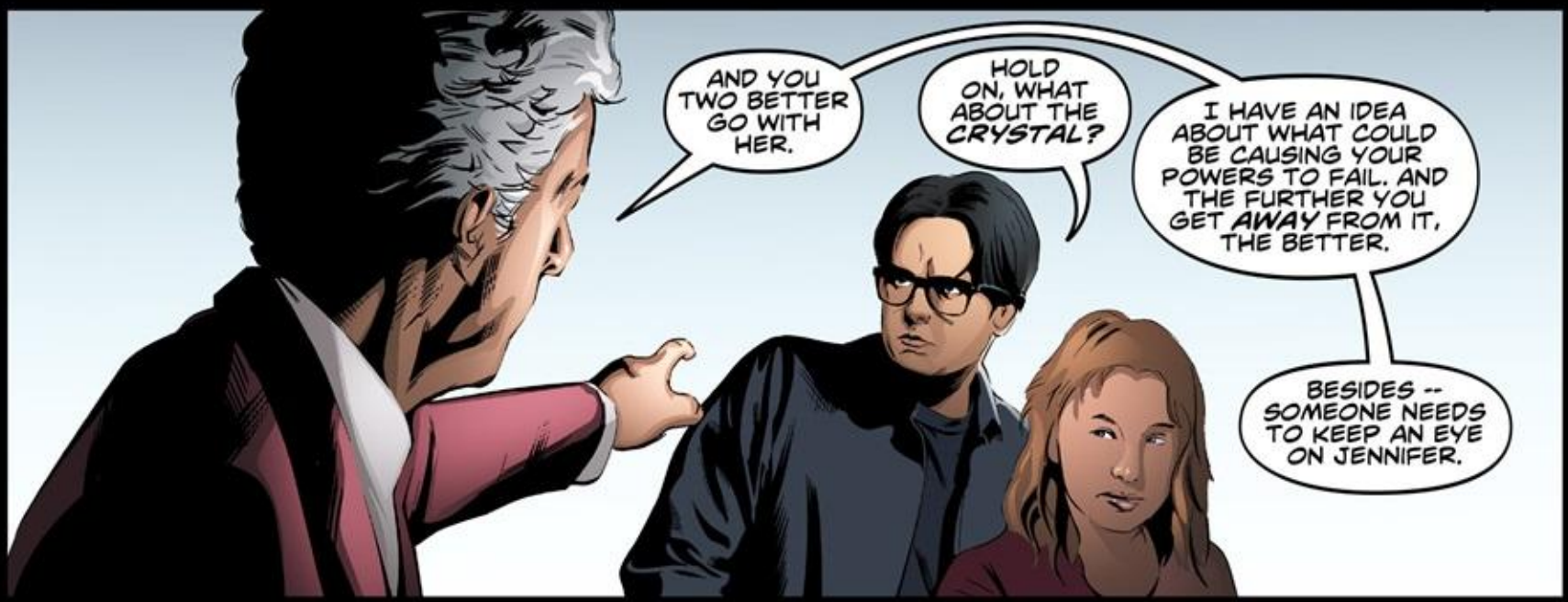
FOR A MOMENT
THERE, I THOUGHT
I WAS NEVER
GOING TO SEE
YOU AGAIN.



YES, YOUR TIMING IS
RATHER IMPECCABLE.
MUST BE ALL THOSE
DEADLINES.

WE
WEREN'T HERE
TO RESCUE YOU.
WE'RE HERE TO
SAVE MY
FRIENDS.

THE
PROTESTORS
FROM THE RALLY.
YOU'D BETTER GET
GOING, THEN.



AND YOU
TWO BETTER
GO WITH
HER.

HOLD
ON, WHAT
ABOUT THE
CRYSTAL?

I HAVE AN IDEA
ABOUT WHAT COULD
BE CAUSING YOUR
POWERS TO FAIL. AND
THE FURTHER YOU
GET AWAY FROM IT,
THE BETTER.

BESIDES --
SOMEONE NEEDS
TO KEEP AN EYE
ON JENNIFER.



WHAT
ABOUT
ME?

YOU?
YOU'RE COMING
WITH ME!

HURRY
ALONG,
THIS
WAY!

"I HONESTLY THOUGHT
THAT THINGS COULDN'T
GET ANY STRANGER."



"I'M MARRIED TO A
MAN WHO CAN FLY.
I'VE TRAVELED
THROUGH TIME AND
SPACE, SEEN PEOPLE
MADE OF SMOKE
AND LIVING BRAINS
IN JARS..."

"BUT *THIS*..."

"THIS IS MORE
BIZARRE THAN
I COULD
EVER HAVE
IMAGINED."





"I MEAN, WHAT WOULD MY EDITOR MAKE OF ALL THIS?"

OVER THERE, THE SIGNAL IS COMING FROM THE TOP OF THAT LADDER.



'GIANT ALIEN BRAINS, DISTANT WORLDS, 'POWER CRYSTALS'.

AH. LOOKS AS IF THE OLD ADAGE MIGHT BE TRUE, AFTER ALL.

VREEEE

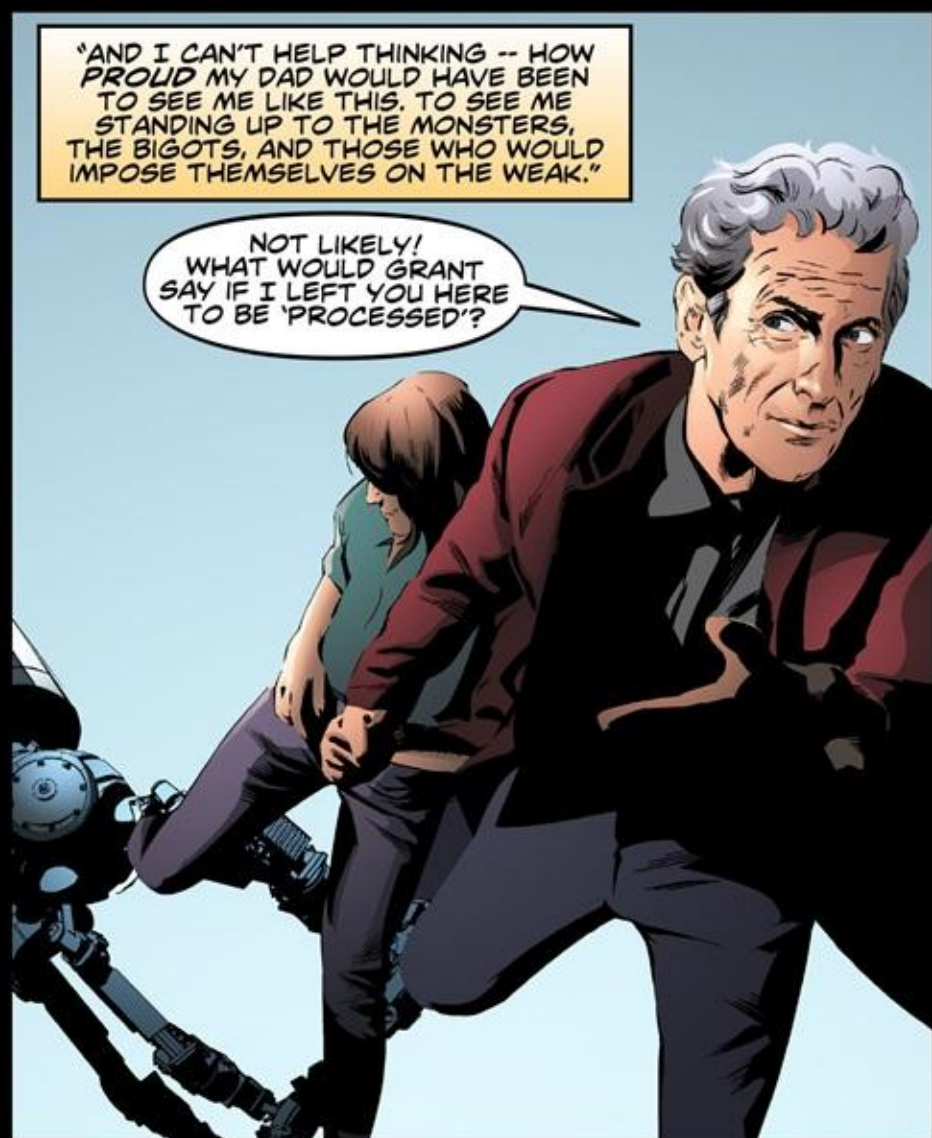


THIS REALLY IS A CASE OF MIND OVER MATTER.

"ANYONE WOULD THINK I WAS LIVING THROUGH THE PAGES OF A COMIC BOOK."



BET YOU THINK YOU'RE REALLY CLEVER, DON'T YOU?







"BUT NOW YOU'VE REMOVED IT..."



THEY HAVE A CHANCE TO BE FREE, YES. ALL OF THEM.

BUT THEY'VE LOST EVERYTHING. IT'S TOO LATE.



YOU KNOW BETTER THAN THAT, LUCY. IT'S NEVER TOO LATE TO FIGHT BACK, TO START A REVOLUTION.

GO ON. TALK TO THEM. TELL THEM WHAT TO DO. WITH THE CRYSTAL GONE, ALL THEY HAVE TO DO IS WANT TO TAKE BACK CONTROL.



UHM. HELLO? IF YOU CAN HEAR ME, MY NAME'S LUCY.

I KNOW YOU'RE PROBABLY FEELING A BIT CONFUSED RIGHT NOW. I KNOW I AM. BUT I'M HERE TO TELL YOU IT'S OKAY. EVERYTHING'S GOING TO BE ALL RIGHT.

THERE'S SOME PEOPLE I KNOW WHO'VE PROVED THAT TO ME, TIME AND AGAIN.



EVEN WHEN THINGS LOOK AS BAD AS THEY DO RIGHT NOW, THERE'S ALWAYS A WAY BACK.

THE LOSS YOU'RE ALL FEELING, THAT TERRIBLE, EMPTY VOID -- YOU DON'T HAVE TO TRY TO FILL IT. YOU CERTAINLY DON'T NEED MONSTERS LIKE THE HARMONY SHOAL TO FILL IT FOR YOU.



"BUT YOU HAVE TO MOVE ON. LOOK AROUND -- SEE WHAT THE HARMONY SHOAL IS DOING TO YOU. IS THIS WHAT YOU WANT? IS THIS WHAT THE JANGROFENS WOULD WANT?"



"I KNOW HOW EASY IT IS TO IGNORE THE PAIN, TO HIDE FROM IT AND LET OTHERS TAKE ADVANTAGE."

"BUT YOU DON'T HAVE TO BURY IT ANY MORE. YOU DON'T HAVE TO BURY YOURSELVES."

"HIDING IS NOT THE ANSWER. YOU NEED TO COME OUT AND BE YOUR OWN HEROES."

NO!

"LET IT ALL OUT. ALL THAT GRIEF AND ANGER. USE IT. USE IT TO DO SOMETHING GOOD. MAKE THE LOSS OF THE JANGROFENS COUNT FOR SOMETHING."



"FREE YOURSELVES OF THE HARMONY SHOAL. FIND A NEW WAY TO LIVE..."



"...AND FORGE YOUR OWN FUTURE."



FREEDOM!
I WON'T LET
YOU DOWN...



WHATEVER YOU DID BACK THERE, DOCTOR, I OWE YOU ONE. THE HEADACHES HAVE GONE, AND MY POWERS SEEM TO BE BACK TO NORMAL.

AND JUST WHEN WE NEEDED THEM, TOO. IT WAS SO COOL, WHAT YOU DID TO THOSE HORRIBLE MACHINES, BENDING THEM WITH YOUR BARE HANDS.



IT WAS THE CRYSTAL. THE ALCYONE, THE BREATH OF HEARTS AND ASHES. IT'S THE OPPOSING STONE TO THE HAZANDRA, AND THE HARMONY SHOAL'S TRANSMISSION WAS COUNTERACTING THE HAZANDRA'S EFFECTS.

WE'RE LUCKY. IF YOU'D BEEN EXPOSED FOR TOO LONG...

WELL, BEST NOT TO THINK ABOUT THAT, EH? IT'S SAFE, NOW.



THANK YOU, LUCY. FOR EVERYTHING.

GOOD LUCK, NEMIKA. THERE'S A LOT OF WORK STILL TO BE DONE, BUT YOU'RE GOING TO MAKE A GREAT LEADER.



A LEADER ...?

NO, I... OH, NEVER MIND.



COME ON! NO TIME FOR TEARY GOODBYES. THERE'S A FOURTH CRYSTAL STILL TO BE FOUND BEFORE TEA!



TO BE CONTINUED...