

2096 The Full Fathom Five Doctor wakes up, disoriented, in a dim glass dome. A television turns on, and a recording explains that he is in an undersea medical facility, the Coastal Observatory for Vital Examination (the C.O.V.E), which was once the D.E.E.P., an illegal lab which carried out grotesque human experiments.

Although the C.O.V.E. is still illegal, it has since been refitted by the estate of Dr Jack Kevorkian, "the angel of mercy", for the ethical purpose of suicide tourism--as the base is offshore, it evades laws against euthanasia.

The T.V. explains that the terminally ill are compassionately killed through the use of Weeping Angels, who kill patients by sending them to live healthy lives in a different point in the past, until they die in the present moment. The Doctor explores the facility, finding no angels, but a sunken ship with a figurehead in the shape of an angel approaches each time he looks at it...and it kills him, sending him to...

2066 The Doctor wakes up in the D.E.E.P. several years earlier. He is choking on a key, as a woman named Ruth shouts that he killed her father. As the Doctor is about to die, he hears the voices of the angels outside the dome, who displace him in time just enough to allow him to escape his killers. He finds an escape capsule, collides with a mine, and lands on the sea bed next to a cargo delivery capsule.

Inside the capsule, the Doctor finds a skeleton of what he believes to be a crew member, with the name "Kevin" on the uniform's worn name tag. Intending to subsist on Kevin's rations, the Doctor opens a wrapped package expecting to find food, but instead finds a statue in the shape of an angel, "the Angel of Mercy Award". He brushes the plaque and realizes that "Kevin" is the name "Kevorkian" with the letters worn off, and that Dr. Kevorkian must have been awarded a supply of weeping angels by some more manipulative force, some other Time Lord...and the angels kill him, sending him to...

2011 The Fifth Doctor has brought Mawdryn to the D.E.E.P. Mawdryn was the leader of a group of scientists who attempted to steal immortality from the Time Lords, and achieved it at the cost of suffering in a mutated body for all eternity. Now, at Mawdryn's request, the Brigadier has seized command of the D.E.E.P. to allow the Doctor to pursue Mawdryn's merciful death.

The Fifth Doctor, having lost Tegan and Nyssa, who were killed by Mawdryn's contagious mutation, agrees to help end Mawdryn's life. Each of the Doctor's attempts to expose Mawdryn to deadly circumstances simply results in Mawdryn returning to life in an older and more decayed body.

Meanwhile, The Brigadier has recruited Dr. Jack Kevorkian to attempt a lethal injection. The Fifth Doctor, upon hearing about Kevorkian's collection of small "angel of mercy" awards, realizes that he can design smaller, microscopic angels to displace Mawdryn's *individual cells* in time, scattering Mawdryn's body rather than displacing it as a whole.

As the injection is about to be administered, Mawdryn suddenly insists that he is the Doctor and demands not to die. The Brigadier had seen Mawdryn impersonate the Doctor before, and tells Kevorkian to continue with the injection. Mawdryn kills the Brigadier and injures Kevorkian, who manages to reach an escape pod before dying there.

Mawdryn continues to say that he is the Doctor, and the Fifth Doctor guesses that his own next incarnation will inhabit what is left of Mawdryn's body, as he has been infected by the mutation as well. The Fifth Doctor lifts his panama hat to reveal his brain has cracked through his skull, just as Mawdryn's has, and that he must die as well. The Doctor injects himself with the microscopic angels, and regenerates, thereby transmitting the angels to Mawdryn and finally killing them both.

As a last act before death, Mawdryn uses the telephone on outside the TARDIS to transmit his genetic code back in time to be resurrected by the D.E.E.P. years earlier. The Doctor attempts to telepathically influence Mawdryn's message to include his own, but dies before it is complete, leaving them both to be born anew in one body.