River and the Angels

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HOME FOR THE BLIND. 2009

A normal day. The blind people are being... blind, with a
doctor around.

A weeping angel stands at the window, in weeping position.

A woman puts down an audio book, smiling.

WOMAN
I do love a happy ending!

MAN
I prefer biographies, youâ re
guaranteed to end with a death.

The weeping angel is gone.

SHOT ENTIRELY ON WOMAN.

WOMAN
Well you would, wouldnâ t you
Arthur?

Silence.

WOMAN
Arthur? Hello?

More silence.

SHOT REVEALS A WEEPING ANGEL STANDING IN FRONT OF
WOMAN. SHE IS ALONE IN THE ROOM OTHERWISE.

WOMAN
Arthur!!

The weeping angel moves forward, and grabs her-

A Doctor walks in.

DOCTOR
Whatâ s that!?

The weeping angel doesnâ t move - obviously.

The doctor blinks.

Suddenly the weeping angel is facing him.

DOCTOR
What the... ?

He blinks again.

The angel is standing, holding out its arm.

DOCTOR
So... you move every time I blink?

The angelâ s hand is directed straight at him.

DOCTOR
And... ah... my eyes...

He yawns.

DOCTOR
Iâ m... so... sleeeppppyyyy...

His eyes close.

SLASH-

FLASH-

The weeping angel is alone in the room.

CUT TO:

HOME FOR THE BLIND

Caption reads: â 15 minutes laterâ

The Tenth Doctor is looking around, buzzing with his sonic screwdriver. It is deserted.

THE DOCTOR
Definitely time energy. Whatever sent me here had a reason.

He turns, as if to explain something to a companion. He sighs.

THE DOCTOR
I wonder...

He buzzes some more.

THE DOCTOR
Thereâ s another trace... something else.

He checks the readings.

THE DOCTOR
Beta astrophysical word transference? That went out of fashion centuries ago! Still, I should be able to translate the message.

He turns.

THE DOCTOR
Like shining a pen over invisible ink-

Nobodyâ s there.

He sighs again, and buzzes the wall.

Words appear.

"Hello Sweetie xx -Prof. Song"

The Doctor stares at it, slightly scared.

OPENING CREDITS.

CUT TO:

HOSPITAL WARD. 1940.

An air raid is ensuing outside. Flashes and explosions, etc-

It is CROWDED. Lots of panicked talking.

NURSE
We have another 7 more coming in!

DOCTOR
Good grief, where are they coming from?

A man falls over.

DOCTOR
All blind?

NURSE
Yes. Just found out on the street,
calling out.

DOCTOR
Have the Germans invented blinding
bombs now? Get them all to beds-

NURSE
There are none left, what with the
injuries and-

FLASH

DOCTOR
Gets cloths for the floor then! I
have patients to attend to!

He storms away.

A woman trips over.

Nurse despairs.

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HOME FOR THE BLIND.

THE DOCTOR
She isnâ t going to call me that
every time, is she?

He casually turns around. A weeping angel is standing 1
meter from him.

THE DOCTOR
Woah!

He leaps back.

THE DOCTOR
So youâ re behind this?

It doesnâ t move.

THE DOCTOR
I know how this works, you canâ t
move if I look at you...

He gets a thought.

THE DOCTOR
The problem is, I can hear one
sneaking up behind me.

SHOT SHOWS A WEEPING ANGEL BEHIND HIM.

The Doctor turns to face it. The original angel begins
moving...

The Doctor turns back - original angel freezes. Angel 2
moves.

The Doctor whips out a mirror. Both angels freeze.

RIVER
I wouldnâ t do that if I were you-

The Doctor spins around, ignoring the angels.

RIVER
Donâ t worry, Iâ ve got them
covered. But Time Lords last
longer without blinking, so Iâ ll
need your help soon.

THE DOCTOR
Yes - right.

The Doctor moves from the angels and stands next to River.

PAN TO:

1940.

The room is dark.

BOOM!

NURSE
Doctor Mayer, they say theyâ re from
the year 2009. One of them thought
theyâ d been taken for a walk, sir.

DOCTOR MAYER
So the Germans have some kind of
gas that makes one become insane?

NURSE
Most of them say the same story,
sir.

DOCTOR MAYER
But it doesnâ t make sense!

CUT TO:

HOME FOR THE BLIND.

THE DOCTOR
Why canâ t I use a mirror?

RIVER
Youâ ll find out one day.

The Doctor glares at her.

RIVER
I love it when you do that.

THE DOCTOR
(changing the subject -
annoyed)
How many are there?

RIVER
Only these two as far as I can tell
but there may be more. Did you
like my message?

THE DOCTOR
Oh, yes, very vintage.

She gets out her diary.

RIVER
Letâ s see...

THE DOCTOR
(looking at angels)
Youâ re doing this now?

RIVER
Oh, these must definitely be early
days for you. Youâ ll learn that
this is vital, to avoid
spoilers. So letâ s see... Have we
done the Bone meadows yet?

The Doctor shakes his head.

RIVER
Hm... I get very confused as to

your personal time line. The
Opening Of The Pandorica?

The Doctor scoffs.

THE DOCTOR
The pandorica? No, and I highly
doubt I ever will!

RIVER
Weâ ll see... Well, what about...

She looks at him.

RIVER
On your own, are you?

THE DOCTOR
Yeah, Iâ ve... Iâ ve been trying that
out. You know, I like my own
company.

RIVER
Ah, yes, you told me about your
â emoâ period. The knocking and all
that?

THE DOCTOR
Hush-

RIVER
Touchy subject?

THE DOCTOR
No, I meant shut up!

They listen.

The light bulb flickers and buzzes.

RIVER
But that wonâ t make much
difference... Itâ s daylight
outside!

The Doctor nods towards the window. She turns - with the
Doctor looking at the angels.

The window is slowly turning black, darkening the room.

RIVER
Theyâ re increasing the opaque
frequency! Any ideas?

THE DOCTOR
Yeah. Um. Run!

They run - the doctor backwards, to keep an eye on the
angels.

RIVER
Doctor!

In front of her are two angels.

RIVER/THE DOCTOR
Tardis!

RIVER
Where is it?

THE DOCTOR
Outside!

River moves around the new angels, keeping her eyes on them.

The Doctor runs past and moves forward. They walk along the
corridor, back to back, until they reach the door. River
runs out first, followed by The Doctor backing out.

RIVER
So where is it? I donâ t see it?

The Doctor moves backwards, and turns. River looks to where
they came from. The angels are now at the doorway.

RIVER
Well?

THE DOCTOR
Itâ s gone. The Tardis... is gone!

CUT TO:

HOSPITAL 1940.

NURSE
Sir, a police box has been sighted
on the same street!

DOCTOR MAYER
A... police box?

He looks out the open window.

FLASH-

A police box is illuminated on the street.

DOCTOR
This is nonsense!

FLASH-

Outside the window - four angels stand around the box...

CUT TO:

HOME FOR THE BLIND.

The angels are gone.

RIVER
Doctor, theyâ re gone!

THE DOCTOR
Yeah...

He buzzes with the sonic.

THE DOCTOR
All of them.

RIVER
What do they want, do you think?

THE DOCTOR
I thought youâ d know! You sent me
here!

RIVER
I only detected an abnormal amount
of time energy. I had no idea
there were weeping angels here!

The Doctor looks around.

THE DOCTOR
Do you always wear that?

RIVER
This? I only just got it!

She gasps, and laughs.

RIVER
So you know about my future, too?

THE DOCTOR
Letâ s not go there, timey wimey and
all that-

He turns and thinks.

THE DOCTOR
So, theyâ ve taken the Tardis! How
to get back, how to-

River pulls out a small green glowing ball from her
pocket. The Doctor stares at it, fearful.

THE DOCTOR
Thatâ s... thatâ s an alpha32 point
drive! Only found in the heart of
a Tardis... where did you get that?

RIVER
Spoilers-

THE DOCTOR
This isnâ t funny, River. Thatâ s
like the engine, without it a
Tardis would fail. And thereâ s
only one Tardis left in existence -
mine. What have you done?

RIVER
Do you want me to help you get your
Tardis back or not, Doctor?

THE DOCTOR
Not if youâ re only going to
dismantle is later!

RIVER
This regeneration, youâ re so...
un-doctorish.

The Doctor is gone.

An angel is standing where he was.

His mirror lies on the ground.

RIVER
You only needed the image on the
mirror for a couple of
seconds? Oh, you are good. But
now, I really aught to go to the
Doctor-

River closes her eyes-

CUT TO:

HOSPITAL.

A bomb has gone off nearby. People are panicking.

The Doctor runs in.

THE DOCTOR
Everyone, quiet! This hospital is
under attack and if you panic all
of you will die!

DOCTOR
Weâ re quite aware itâ s under
attack, sir!

THE DOCTOR
What?

FLASH-

THE DOCTOR
Oh, right, an air raid... No,
something far worse than bombs is
coming.

NURSE
Something thatâ s causing all these
people to appear? That blue
box? The statues?

THE DOCTOR
Statues? Where?

NURSE
The street-

The Doctor runs to the steet, deserted besides from the
Tardis.

THE DOCTOR
Theyâ re coming.

He runs to the door and slams it shut. He finds a bed (with a patient on it) and rolls it against the door.

THE DOCTOR
That should keep them out for-

Thud. Thud. Thud-

A hand flies through the door, but freezes as they stare at it.

THE DOCTOR
Look at that hand, donâ t stop-

CRASH-

A bomb hit nearby.

Theyâ re all flown off their feet.

The Doctor looks up.

The angels are inside the room. The door lays bashed, the bed overturned.

The Doctor stares at its eyes, not knowing the rule.

An angel has itâ s arm outstretched.

Doctor Mayerâ s eyes close, and he falls to the floor.

THE DOCTOR
What?

A nurseâ s eyes close, and she falls to the floor.

THE DOCTOR
How many people in here have
sight? Three? Four?

Thud, as someone else falls to the floor.

THE DOCTOR
They can force someone to sleep?

The Doctor suddenly feels sleepy.

THE DOCTOR
No... I must... fight it...

River runs into the room, holding the sphere. The room it lit in green, blinding light.

THE DOCTOR
River?

The Angels move, and run away.

THE DOCTOR
What? They? How?

RIVER
The energy generated from this is powerful enough to break the quantum lock! I used it on the angel in 2009, only that one was brave enough to attack me.

THE DOCTOR
Yeah... I assume these ones have run away until the effects wear off.

The all clear goes off in the background.

RIVER
Is it over?

THE DOCTOR
I wish. We need to find them and get rid of them.

RIVER
What were they doing?

THE DOCTOR
Feeding, I suspect. I noticed they were moving quite slowly, otherwise Iâ d have been killed earlier, so they need a lot of energy. They picked on some blind people since they cannot defend themselves, and brought them here. Due to the angels being here I suspect they would continue sending people back in time until... well, until they die.

The Doctor buzzes with the sonic screwdriver.

THE DOCTOR
They arenâ t far away. That thing
will take a while to recharge so we
probably should find them quickly,
but now theyâ re mortal, we can do
whatever we like to-

He collapses.

RIVER
Doctor!

Everyone else in the room stares in bemusement.

THE DOCTOR
My... my head... it...

River looks into his eyes. There is an angel there.

RIVER
Doctor... did you look into an
angelâ s eye?

THE DOCTOR
I might have done... why? Ah!

He cries out in pain.

RIVER
The eyes are not the windows to the
soul, they are the doors... CLose
your eyes!

THE DOCTOR
What?

RIVER
It will save your life,
Doctor! Close them!

He closes his eyes.

Nothing happens.

RIVER
What? Oh no, it doesnâ t work for
Time Lords!

She stands up.

RIVER
Keep him safe! Make sure he
doesnâ t open his eyes!

She runs out of the room.

CUT TO:

EXT. HOSPITAL.

Various flames and ruins are scattered around. Families
wander about, searching for bodies of their loved ones.

River looks up, and sees statues standing at the top of a
builing. Theyâ re not quite still...

She finds stairs and climbs up.

BUILDING ROOF.

The Angels turn to look at her.

RIVER
Moving angels... Right.

She looks at their feet.

RIVER
Can... can you speak?

One of the angels lets out a horrific screech. They step
towards her.

RIVER
Stay back! I know you can still
kill me, but now I can kill you!

Another screech.

The angels advance towards her clumsily.

RIVER
Youâ re not used to moving like
this, are you?

Another screech.

River turns, but angels have blocked her path. She is
surrounded.

All the angels screech.

And jump at her.

She dodges out of the way, as all the angels land into each other with a thud, and vanish.

Theyâ re all gone.

RIVER
Did they... they did! They sent each other back in time! They probably wonâ t stop until they reach the beginning of Time!

PAN TO:

INT. HOSPITAL.

The Doctor is lying on a bed.

River runs in.

RIVER
Is he alright?

DOCTOR MAYER
He appears to be in a deep coma... Iâ m sorry.

RIVER
Heâ ll be fine... Heâ ll have to be. Iâ m still here, after all. If he died now heâ ll never get to meet me, so I wouldnâ t be here.

DOCTOR MAYER
...Right.

RIVER
Right then.

She pulls the bed out of the room.

CUT TO:

STREET.

She wheels the bed onto the street, and to the Tardis. Using her own Tardis key, she opens the door and goes inside.

CUT TO:

INT. HOSPITAL.

Everyone watched in awe as the Tardis dematerialises.

CUT TO:

INT. TARDIS.

River pilots the tardis as The Doctor lies on the bed.

RIVER
You wonâ t remember, I shouldnâ t
think... Otherwise you would have
recognized the weeping angels on
Alfava Metraxis.

She pulls a lever.

And the Tardis leaves.

PAN TO:

INT. TARDIS.

The Doctor is alone on the floor. The Tardis appears to be
in hibernation mode.

The Doctor wakes up.

THE DOCTOR
ah! What?

He looks around.

THE DOCTOR
This is odd. I rarely ever sleep
on the floor!

He stands up.

THE DOCTOR
Or sleep at all, for that matter...

He looks around again.

On the Tardis console is a note.

He reads it.

It says "Donâ t worry about a thing, sweetie. Iâ ve cleared
it all up. PS, I only borrowed the Alpha32 point drive. x"

The Doctor stares at it.

THE DOCTOR
Riiight...

He observes The Tardis scanner.

THE DOCTOR
Hibernation mode? Since when has
The Tardis had a hiber- oh, yeah,
it was in that drop down menu. But
how... ?

Pause.

THE DOCTOR
The Universe is a very odd place.

He pulls a lever.

CUT TO:

END CREDITS.

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