

Season? Brief
The End Of The Beginning

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Doctor Who Season? Overview

Episode One

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The Brief

Doctor Who finds that planet Earth has been pulled into the distant future and attacked.

The Doctor and his Companion discover that mankind has been erased from history. A message is left behind telling the Doctor that soon he will no longer exist, and everything will be "corrected." Abandon in space, the Doctor looks for a way to restore Earth, and find the culprits.

The Story

The Doctor and Companion are enjoying a quaint dinner.

An alarm pops up on the Tardis console interrupting their conversation.

The Doctor says it's an alarm that should never sound.

Doctor: "Earth has been attacked."

They discover that Earth has been pulled into the distant future.

The Tardis hurls through a spiraling vortex of time.

Upon arrival, they discover the burned out remains of prehistoric man.

All other life on Earth is untouched.

The Doctor says that Earth should have been safe in a pocket of fixed time.

A quick calculation displays the cold reality that altered time is catching up to them.

If the Doctor cannot prevent this attack, all human history, and much of the Doctor's life will be lost forever.

A Tardis monitor picks up an incoming transmission.

A crusty message tells the Doctor that soon he will cease to exist, and thus everything will soon be "corrected."

The Doctor triangulates the broadcast to a device on Earth.

They find a chrome sphere heavily armed that requires some quick work by the Doctor.

They fumble the device into the Tardis.

The Doctor discovers the device was used to manipulate time around Earth.

While examining the contraption, the Doctor is zapped into an alternate reality.

He is greeted by an excited copy of himself that says, "Isn't this great?!"

A confused Doctor looks around the blurry room.

He finds a group of men he can't quite make out.

The copy of the Doctor taps him on the head and spouts, "You're too early!"

He is zapped back to the floor of the Tardis where he began.

The Companion continues in conversation as if he never left.

The Doctor realizes there is more at play than he originally thought.

The sphere lights up, slams against the Tardis wall, and drags them through space.

They hold on for dear life as reality blurs into double-vision.

The Companion and Doctor hang onto the railing trying to avoid falling across the room.

The Tardis abruptly stops and sets down on an ancient platform hovering in space.

A giant monument sits atop the floating platform with many artifacts strewn about.

A monitor reveals that billions of ships are all converging at this mysterious place.

Outside in space, countless ships begin interlocking their hulls into a massive formation.

The Doctor and Companion watch as trillions of people exit and stand atop their decks.

A central figure dressed in ceremonial robes begins to recite a well prepared verse.

"Let all that has been done be undone. Let us un-touch what has been touched. Let our sacrifice restore the ways of the universe."

The Doctor watches as all the citizens lift their hands to the heavens and absorb a charge of glowing blue light emanating from the monument and erasing them instantly.

The ships vaporize out of existence leaving only the platform floating in space.

The Doctor is horrified by the prospect of an entire race committing genocide.

Doctor: "Races don't do that."

After a moment of silence, the platform begins to self-destruct.

The Doctor frantically attempts to capture clues before the monument crumbles to dust.

Using the Companion's cellphone, he manages a single image of an insignia.

The floor crumbles away leaving the Tardis floating in space.

The monitor tracking the time loop sounds its alarm; time is running out.

A heavily armed ship uncloaks and begins firing on the stranded Tardis.

The Doctor narrowly evades using chunks of floating platform debris.

The Tardis moans as the Doctor attempts to maneuver at full speed.

The drone ship fires on the Tardis scoring a direct hit.

The heavy blast shatters a panel underneath the Tardis console creating a leak of TimeLord energy.

The battle ensues as the Tardis takes several hits.

They aren't going to escape this drone ship.

The Doctor does the only thing he can do to save their lives; he teleports onto the attacking ship.

They exit the Tardis and realize the enemy ship has no life signs.

They assume the ship must be an automated drone cleaning up loose ends.

The Doctor reveals a plan to steal the ship's time engine.

For a moment, the Doctor flickers as visions from previous episodes flash in his mind.

The time loop from the future is catching up with the Doctor.

Doctor: "A thousand years of experiences are being erased one by one."

They move towards the center of the ship that is oddly vacant.

The Doctor soon discovers the throbbing time engine is too big to steal.

He hatches a new plan to drive the ship back himself.

The Companion is sure they're going to die.

After careful maneuvering, the Doctor manages to get to the cockpit.

He attempts to manipulate the ship's gleaming controls with little success.

A robot slowly unfolds from the ceiling overlooking the Doctor unnoticed.

The Doctor talks to himself as he is sure that all vehicles have a gas pedal and a break.

The robot makes an audible clicking noise alerting the Doctor.

The Doctor realizing his time has run out, greets him comically, then frantically begins to mash the controls.

It responds.

A lunging ship throws the robot back giving the Doctor time to jam a pencil from behind his ear between a lever forcing it into the "MAX" position.

A panicked Doctor rushes to the Companion dragging him to the Tardis for their escape.

The Tardis slips from the ship's interior and appears outside.

The vessel with engines on full-thrust, vanishes into space.

The Companion asks how he got the drone to disappear to the Doctor's smile.

The drone robot struggles to figure out how a broken #2 pencil is holding the controls.

The Doctor happily reports he has saved the day once again.

The Tardis overlooks a pristine planet Earth.

The Doctor pulls the Companion into the basement of the Tardis to fetch a device.

After passing several rooms containing ancient Tardis consoles, they find the right one.

The Doctor drags out a ragged old contraption and blows a mound of dust from the top.

He tells the Companion that it's a machine that can teleport matter.

They struggle to drag the mangy device to the main console room.

The device is hooked to the top of the Tardis console with a thick black cable.

The machine is pushed right against the bursted panel leaking TimeLord energy.

The Companion learns just how big the Tardis really is when the Doctor pulls up a cross-section display to set up the rooms to contain the Earth tribes being rescued.

A tense Doctor activates the dusty device and begins teleporting as many humans as possible into the basement of the Tardis.

The machine begins to consume TimeLord energy.

The Doctor runs a program displaying how many lives are left to rescue, and how long it will take for the machine to complete.

An alarm sounds indicating the aliens are approaching.

Companion: "We're running out of time!"

The Doctor speeds up the device trying to save as many humans as possible.

The machine begins to overload as it gulps up clouds of TimeLord energy.

Sparks fly from the machine as its ancient monitor begins to display errors.

A biorhythm pattern that tracks incoming teleports, duplicates and starts to overlap.

Each overlapping line indicates that people are being combined on teleport.

The Doctor attempts to adjust the machine, but is shocked to the floor.

He sees for the first time that the machine is feeding on TimeLord energy.

Doctor: "Oh my."

They struggle to find a way to shutdown the machine and end the teleports.

The Doctor attempts to pull levers and press knobs, but is shocked at every attempt.

Having no other option, he sets his Sonic Screw Driver on overload and hurls it at the console creating a small explosion and ending the madness.

The machine goes silent.

The Tardis goes silent.

He fears he has killed thousands, and perhaps the Tardis as well.

Strikes can be heard as flashing lights come through an open Tardis door.

A doorway of light shines on the surface of a dark Moon as they helplessly watch Earth being attacked.

The Doctor is emotionally destroyed by the deaths of those he was unable to rescue.

The enemy warps out of view following their cowardly attack.

The Doctor is shaking in anger as a tear falls down his cheek.

They carefully teleport those unaffected by the error back to Earth.

They venture into the basement to examine those affected by the malfunction.

The Doctor is sure they are going to find body parts everywhere.

With a shine of a flashlight, they discover perfectly healthy people everywhere.

An analysis reveals that he has created humans with two hearts, and multiple souls all woven together using TimeLord energy.

The Doctor: "I've created the TimeLords."

He takes them to a virgin Gallifrey.

He assures the new citizens of Gallifrey that they will be okay, and that he will visit them throughout time.

The Companion questions the Doctor about what they will do next.

The Doctor reveals...find out who attacked Earth and why.

Season? Arc

Season? is about the Doctor and his origin. His travels are fueled by the need to decipher who this alien race was, why they killed man, and why they committed genocide.

Using the insignia, the Doctor suddenly finds the pattern literally everywhere he looks. From rock band logos, to crop circles, to street patterns, to the formation of solar systems, the Doctor chases this mysterious symbol to the end of time.

Throughout his travels, the Doctor is pursued by an unknown race that he suspects are the aliens from the future. This mystery is fueled until the final moments of the final episode.

Season? Conclusion

PROTECT THESE FACTS WITH THE UTMOST SECRECY

The alien race is in fact the TimeLords in the distant future. After an infinite number of years to live, they conclude that altering time has disrupted the fabric of not only their galaxy, but the universe itself for the worse.

The TimeLords in the Doctor's era have tricked the Doctor into thinking they have been wiped out (Doctor Who 2005), only to lure him into the apocalyptic moment to try and solve the problem before it gets to this critical point.

The race that is chasing the Doctor is the current era TimeLords that are trying to piece together the next move before the Doctor does.

The room that the Doctor continually visits is the chamber of his ID. The unknown people are his future and past selves. For one regeneration, he is allowed to pick his replacement. In the real world he dies and is regenerated.

He tells his companion that the limit of thirteenth TimeLord regenerations is wrong, very wrong, and smiles as he fades into the next Doctor.

Related Season Episodes

Time Bandits

The Doctor's first clue is back to planet Earth where he finds a student band called "Time Bandits" in London with a kick drum logo of the insignia he's been tracking. After questioning the members, he finds a drummer who isn't aware that he is a TimeLord. Having suffered what he thought was amnesia from a freak accident, the drummer couldn't explain his visions of their band logo, and the one hit song they can barely play. With a chance to be discovered by a huge record agent, the band struggles to learn their hit song, which the Doctor believes will reveal the next clue. The Doctor nurtures the band members through a phase of wanting to give up. In the end the Doctor finds himself on stage helping to complete the performance and scoop up the next clue. The band is a hit. A record deal is signed, one member gets the girl, and the TimeLord drummer opts to stay on Earth, "I only know human."

Solar Sigil

The Doctor and Companion are called to a dank mining colony called LG-21. Something is wrong with the miners. People are coming down with a mysterious illness, and it all started when a new stellar body went into orbit around their sun. Thinking that he's taking a break from his search for clues, the Doctor works to find the cause of their ailment. The miners reluctantly admit they've been finding artifacts and forced to conceal them by their employer. Under constant attack by corporate thugs, the Doctor discovers they are all interlinked, but that one is missing. From deep within the galaxy another meteor slips into orbit finishing a "combination" and after some tinkering by the Doctor, projects a massive symbol between the planets and moons giving the Doctor his next coordinates in the universe. Before the Doctor leaves, he and the Companion expose the corporate corruption, frees miners being held in prison, and reveals a mother-load of resources to be minded by the people and sold into the free market.

Festival Of Time

The Doctor and Companion visit a city about to celebrate their history, but something isn't right; citizens are disappearing. The city is adorn with thousands of symbols. They struggle to find any that correlate with the insignia, until one robed citizen is seen entering a temple wearing what appears to be a match. The Doctor soon finds that the temple is off limits. When asked, the people deny such a robed man works in the temple. The Doctor devises a plan to sneak in, and check for himself, when the Companion is suddenly kidnapped. The Doctor commits to putting an end to the disappearing citizens and recovering his Companion. After chasing the robed man up the temple tower, he is met by a robed mayor and Companion who reveals that the entire event is a staged reenactment of their past oppression when citizens were captured. The Doctor is given the distinct privilege of throwing the lever that turns the city's inner streets like a timepiece revealing the next clue.

Earth Paintings - Closing Episode

The Doctor's Companion in a routine call home hears reports of intense crop circles across Great Britain. They return to investigate. The Doctor uses the Tardis to capture proof of who is making the circles. They catch nothing, yet more circles appear; one containing the insignia. While examining, the Doctor and Companion are captured by men in black. They want the Doctor out of the surveillance business. He discovers they are the keepers of the circles. They read the messages and run the world according to its commands. The circles are coming from the Earth herself. They are told that the Earth is dying, but they don't know how. The messages are becoming fewer and fewer. The Doctor discovers that the Earth's meridians are being blocked by buildings and cities. The Doctor finally pieces together all the clues of the season. He tells the Earth to rotate it's core and free it's harmonic melody restoring its health and prosperity. The Doctor creates a crop circle to send the message. After a short pause, the Earth begins to tumble and shake. Its core is rotating, the message is received. The Earth sends back her thanks in the form of thousands of? crop circles everywhere. Just under the Doctor's feet, she reveals the final destination of his search...Gallifrey.

Chamber Of The ID

The Doctor returns to Gallifrey to check up on his newly placed colony. To his shock he finds that they have erected a monument exactly like the one he parked on at the beginning of his journey. When asked why, they claim that a race descended from the skies and told them to. He is angered by the notion of someone tampering with his people. They tell the Doctor to enter the temple to understand its true purpose. He reluctantly agrees. He finds himself returned to a much larger version of the blurry room he entered so long ago. This time the room is clearer, but mottled with duplicating humanoid images. Voices from past lives greet him. He realizes for the first time that this is a chamber of his ID. All the Doctors he's ever been and ever will be are in this room. They tell him he has only just begun to live his life. That he is the pinnacle TimeLord imbued with more lives than any other, and with this privilege is the burden to watch over the universe.

Upon exiting the monument, he is greeted by the high counsel of the TimeLords that reveal they have faked their deaths in order to ensure that the future was protected by someone who truly understood his responsibilities. They apologize for his burden only to find that a smirking Doctor accepts his charter with a gleeful revere. He notes that he will simply go on doing what he's always done, protecting the universe and especially Earth; the birthplace of his people.