

"RETREAT OF THE DALEKS"

1. EXT. SPACE.

A grand establishing shot. We pitch up and out of the Milky Way, turn our back on it and whoosh into the outer darkness.

We zigzag past an ancient, long-abandoned wrecked starship, through sparse gas clouds, an icy asteroid or two, then total darkness for a bit ...

... until we start homing in on a small, rocky, mountainous planetoid, zooming closer and closer until we see the side of a grey mountain, poking from a tenuous atmosphere. We zoom into the base of the mountain, and hear the TARDIS materialise.

CUT TO:

2. EXT. MOUNTAINSIDE. DUSK

The TARDIS materializes on the bare scree slope of a mountain. Almost pitch black, no wind, few sounds carrying in the thin air of this tiny world. The door opens. The DOCTOR bounds out, revels for a moment before YAZ steps out, followed by RYAN.

RYAN

It's very dark.

YAZ

And quite cold.

THE DOCTOR

It's the middle of nowhere. Literally the middle of nowhere. The Boötes Void, a great empty bubble in the fabric of the universe, 330 million light years wide. Your astronomers call it The Great Nothing.

RYAN

They're overhyping it.

GRAHAM emerges.

GRAHAM

OK, so what did I miss?

RYAN

Nothing. Literally nothing.

THE DOCTOR

This planetoid has absolutely no strategic or economic value whatsoever. It doesn't even have a nice view. There's no point invading it. The most advanced starships ever built only have enough fuel to get here, not to get back. We're probably the first people to set foot here.

RYAN

Do we plant a flag or something?

YAZ

Is that why we came? To be first?

THE DOCTOR

Got to be honest: I was aiming for Alton Towers and missed.

RYAN

I suppose it's good for a bit of peace and quiet.

GRAHAM

So is that why they built that monastery?

RYAN

Wait, what?

GRAHAM points back over his shoulder. A structure right behind them. They all take it in. A Buddhist temple, halfway up a mountain on an alien asteroid. No wind, so the banners droop. There's a great big statue of Buddha. The DOCTOR's clearly a bit annoyed.

GRAHAM

That's a statue of Buddha, isn't it?

YAZ

It's a Buddhist temple.

THE DOCTOR

Well, you know what they say: there's always something. We should

probably say 'hi', don't you reckon?  
I think I see a door.

CUT TO:

3. EXT. ASTEROID SURFACE

They're walking through a winding rock path at the base of the mountain. The DOCTOR is either talking to herself or her friends, it's hard to say.

THE DOCTOR

Buddhists. Space Buddhists. Or regular Buddhists, but in space. Deep space. Some of the deepest space. Definitely human, I mean ... the statue's proof of that. We're far enough in the future, I suppose.

GRAHAM

Buddhists are peaceful aren't they?  
Or is that just what they tell everyone?

THE DOCTOR

Well, yeah. Most of the time. They're Human beings, for good and bad. That said, if you're going to bump into someone in outer space, there's worse. It's not like they're -

They walk past a big rock and find themselves right next to the back of a DALEK.

The DOCTOR prompts everyone to duck back and keep quiet.

The DALEK proceeds towards the archway which serves as an entrance to the monastery.

The DOCTOR watches, gingerly. The DALEK doesn't see them, and eventually it disappears inside. GRAHAM, YAZ and RYAN emerge from where they were concealed.

GRAHAM (whispers)

Back to the TARDIS? Yeah?

RYAN

Yeah.

THE DOCTOR

We have to see what the Daleks  
are doing here.

The DOCTOR is hurrying in the direction the DALEK went. The others pause.

GRAHAM

I don't ... do we really have to ... ?

YAZ

The people in there need our  
help.

RYAN

Sure. OK. We can help.

GRAHAM

Or we could just go back to the ...  
oh, wait for me.

YAZ, RYAN and GRAHAM head after the DOCTOR.

CUT TO:

4. INT. STONE PASSAGEWAY. NIGHT

The DOCTOR and RYAN lead the way, furtively following the DALEK inside. GRAHAM and YAZ follow. The Dalek appears to be completely oblivious to their presence. It turns right, passing under another archway into ...

CUT TO:

5. INT. MEDITATION CHAMBER. NIGHT

... a room we don't see much of, just yet. There are three DALEKS in a close group. One is the yellow ETERNAL DALEK. The DALEK the DOCTOR has been following takes position in the huddle.

DALEK

All is prepared.

We cut to the DOCTOR and YAZ sneaking a look through the doorway, GRAHAM and RYAN behind them. We see the room properly for the first time. A small circular chamber, with a number of archways leading to other areas of the monastery. Incense burners and prayer wheels line the walls. A mandala

sits on the floor in the centre of the room. The ceiling is a vast crystal dome looking out over a virtually starless sky.

THE DOCTOR (whispers)  
I recognise that pattern on  
the floor. A Buddhist mandala.

When the ETERNAL DALEK speaks, its voice is richer, more nuanced, slightly less modulated than a standard Dalek. Not as 'human' as Davros' voice, but perhaps halfway there.

ETERNAL DALEK  
Activate the Thardo Khorlo.

The prayer wheels start spinning of their own accord.

ETERNAL DALEK  
Commence.

DALEKS (en masse)  
We obey!

As one, the DALEKS' eyestalks droop to the floor. A moment of utter pindrop silence then:

DALEKS (en masse)  
Meditate! Meditate! Meditate!  
Contemplate! Contemplate!  
Contemplate! Aum! Aum! Aum! Aum!

RYAN  
What. The. -

CUT TO:

OPENING TITLES

CUT TO:

6. INT. MEDITATION CHAMBER. NIGHT

THE DOCTOR, YAZ and RYAN are now standing next to the DALEKS, who are lost in their ritual. GRAHAM's not quite through the door.

DALEKS (Continues)  
Aum! Aum! Aum! Aum! Aum!  
Aum! Aum! Aum!

THE DOCTOR [Over this din]

Not quite as melodious as when  
human beings do it. Not really  
putting me in mind of a cool,  
blue ocean.

GRAHAM

Don't think they'll be much good  
at Yoga either, frankly.

YAZ

They seem to have mastered Downward  
Facing Dalek.

THE DOCTOR waves her hand underneath the nearest DALEK's  
eyestalk. The eyestalk snaps up, fixes its gaze on the  
DOCTOR, startling her.

DALEK

Who dares interfere with the  
meditation of the Daleks?

The other DALEKS stop their aumming and snap to attention,  
and are now staring at the DOCTOR. A moment of silence, then:

DALEKS (in unison)

It is the Doctor! It is  
the Doctor!

ETERNAL DALEK

Initiate security protocol  
omega three.

DALEK

Security protocol omega three  
initiated!

THE DOCTOR

Omega three? Did you just go  
to fish oil alert?

ETERNAL DALEK

Secure the Doctor. The Doctor  
must not escape.

In its haste to get to the DOCTOR, one DALEK bumps into RYAN.

RYAN

Oof. There's other people  
here, too, you know.

The DALEKS look around, seem to register the presence of GRAHAM, YAZ and RYAN for the first time.

DALEK  
Accomplices of the Doctor  
located.

RYAN  
OK. Yeah. It's probably the  
Doctor you should be worrying  
about. Didn't mean to interrupt.

THE DOCTOR  
Focus, Daleks. Me. All about  
me, look. The Doctor.

The DALEKS round on the DOCTOR. The DOCTOR is right up  
against the ETERNAL DALEK.

THE DOCTOR  
You're their leader? Of course  
you are. Which one are you? The  
yellow one's Laa-laa, yeah? This  
is a Buddhist temple. Where are  
the people who built this place?  
Have all the Daleks gone Buddhist  
now, or is it just you? I've got  
more questions, let's start there,  
though, yeah?

ETERNAL DALEK  
Silence!

GRAHAM  
If he's a Buddhist, perhaps that  
makes him the Dalek Lama.

DOCTOR  
Oh, very good. I'm nicking that.  
Oi! Dalek Lama. How can you be sure  
that what you perceive as the  
Doctor isn't mere illusion?

ETERNAL DALEK  
Activate the sword of prajna.

One DALEK moves forward. Its eye starts glowing red instead  
of blue.

RED-EYED DALEK  
My vision is enhanced.

The Red-Eyed DALEK stares at the DOCTOR, who gulps.

SLOW FADE TO:

7. EXT. THE UNIVERSE

A swirling, psychedelic landscape. A Dalek's red eye beats in the centre of the shot, like a sun. Clouds rise and fall, behind them are the shapes of Doctor Who icons: the TARDIS, a Cyberman head, a Seal of Rassilon, a Chumbley and so on. The soundscape and visuals give the profound sense that this is reality, that the Dalek is at one with the universe.

Over this, after a few moments:

RED-EYED DALEK  
The veil of deception has been  
rendered inoperative. Full  
spectrum ontological analysis  
confirms this is the one  
known as -

The DOCTOR leaps into shot, hands in the air, grinning like a loon.

THE DOCTOR  
Parklife!

CRASH TO:

8. INT. MEDITATION CHAMBER.

(back in the room)

The DOCTOR is facing down the RED-EYED DALEK.

DOCTOR  
(NOT THE TINIEST BIT SORRY) Sorry.

ETERNAL DALEK  
Report.

RED-EYED DALEK  
Positive identification. This is  
the Doctor.

THE DOCTOR (aside)  
The worst thing about time travel,  
I think, is that it's really hard  
getting credit for a good pop  
culture reference.

The DALEK's eye returns to its normal colour. The FORMERLY  
RED-EYED DALEK's gun stick twitches.

FORMERLY RED-EYED DALEK  
The old man must die and the new man  
will discover to his inexpressible  
joy that he has never existed.  
Exterminate!

YAZ gets between the DALEK and the DOCTOR.

THE DOCTOR  
Yaz!

YAZ  
Buddhists don't do violence.

The DALEK stares at YAZ. RYAN steps forward.

RYAN  
Yeah. That's right.

DALEK  
You are scholars of human  
religion?

YAZ and RYAN look at each other, then nod at the DALEK.

RYAN  
We were in the same Religious  
Studies class.

YAZ  
Year Nine. GCSE.

RYAN  
She was really good at it.  
I ... I sat next to her.

The ETERNAL DALEK turns to a regular DALEK (henceforth DALEK  
ONE, but there's nothing to distinguish it from the other  
Dalek drones).

ETERNAL DALEK  
Take the human scholars to  
the questioning chamber.

DALEK ONE  
I obey.

As DALEK ONE moves to lead YAZ and RYAN away, GRAHAM intercedes.

GRAHAM  
Here, no. The four of us ... we  
stick together.

The ETERNAL DALEK turns to GRAHAM.

ETERNAL DALEK  
And you? Are you a scholar  
of human religion?

GRAHAM  
Oh no. It was O Levels back when  
I was at school, and not many  
kids took them. It's not like  
today, with all the testing this  
and assessing (that. I don't envy) -

He trails off when he realizes the DALEKS have lost interest in him. DALEK ONE is cajoling YAZ and RYAN out of the room. The DOCTOR moves to stop this. The ETERNAL DALEK blocks her with its sucker arm.

ETERNAL DALEK  
Be warned, Doctor. Attachment  
leads to suffering.

CUT TO:

9. INT. QUESTIONING CHAMBER. NIGHT.

A very pleasant room that looks like a student common room, complete with scatter cushions, inspirational posters and tea-making facilities. There's no one here, until -

DALEK ONE  
(OOV) You will enter the  
questioning chamber.

DALEK ONE jostles YAZ and RYAN into the room.

RYAN

It's OK, you don't need to shove -  
hey, it's quite nice in here.

DALEK ONE

You will sit on the red cushion  
and I will begin questioning.

YAZ sits on the red cushion, RYAN joins her, they get comfy.  
DALEK ONE looms over them.

YAZ

I'm guessing you didn't do the  
decorating. The place was like  
this when you got here? Where are  
the people? Sorry, sorry, I know:  
you're the one who asks the  
questions.

DALEK ONE

First question: does a Dalek have  
Buddha nature?

YAZ and RYAN, fair enough, look baffled.

DALEK ONE

Repeat: Does a Dalek have Buddha  
nature?

RYAN

Um. Can we come back to that one?

DALEK ONE

Second question: what is the  
sound of a Dalek clapping?

YAZ smiles at RYAN, silently inviting him to answer. RYAN  
sort of mimes a Dalek sucker and gun and tries clapping.

YAZ (to DALEK ONE)

I don't want to tell you how to  
be a Dalek, but ... er ... if you're  
going to find religion, are you  
sure you've found the right one?

DALEK ONE

Buddhism is not a religion, it is

a philosophical path with an ethical code.

YAZ

Riiiiight.

DALEK ONE

We obey the Eternal Dalek. The Eternal Dalek commands us to seek answers.

RYAN

(SHAMELESSLY BLUFFING) So, OK. That first question. Let's try to work it out together, hey? What would you say a Buddha nature is?

CUT TO:

10. INT. MEDITATION CHAMBER.

The DALEKS are lining up, the DOCTOR and GRAHAM are backed against a wall.

GRAHAM

What are they doing?

THE DOCTOR

Forming a firing squad.

GRAHAM

Oh, right. Hang on -

The DOCTOR steels herself and tries to bluff it out.

THE DOCTOR

So you know about 'samsara', the endless cycle of death and rebirth. You've killed me before, remember? How about 'karma'? What goes around comes around. So, as Daleks, you're happy with that thought, are you?

The ETERNAL DALEK thinks about this for a second or two.

ETERNAL DALEK

We must not feed the seed of anger. Do not exterminate the Doctor.

The DALEK firing squad stands down, we get the sense it's a little grudgingly.

DENPO (oov)  
Congratulations, my friend.

Just arrived is DENPO, a man in Buddhist robes, radiating calm, dignity and wisdom. He's probably in his seventies. A middle-aged monk, YUL, is standing with him. DENPO goes up to the ETERNAL DALEK.

DENPO  
You have cast aside your desires.  
Chosen peace, taken one more  
step towards the cessation of  
aversion.

GRAHAM moves to shake his hand.

GRAHAM  
Hi. Graham O'Brien. Nice to meet  
you. This is the Doctor.

The DOCTOR forgets to hold out her hand, and there's an awkward moment.

DENPO  
I am Denpo, the Abbot. We ... ah.  
This might seem old-fashioned, but  
you must forgive me, it's a while  
since I've spoken to a woman.

THE DOCTOR  
Oh. You saw Yaz? But you came  
through that door, she'd already  
left through that one -

DENPO and YUL look confused.

GRAHAM (prompts)  
You, Doc.

THE DOCTOR  
Me? A woman? (BEAT) You know, now  
you say it, that does explain  
rather a lot about the last year  
or two. Public and private. Huh.

YUL

There's another woman here?

ETERNAL DALEK

She has been taken for questioning  
with another human.

GRAHAM

My grandson, Ryan.

ETERNAL DALEK

The Doctor is travelling with  
three accomplices.

DENPO

Four new arrivals? Well ... that  
should prove no challenge. We  
understand, of course, it may take  
a little time to adjust to this  
new life, but you'll find this  
community a harmonious, welcoming one.

THE DOCTOR

You do know what the Daleks are?

DENPO

Of course I know what a Dalek  
is. The Daleks are our ... guests.  
"Guests", Yul? Is that the  
right word?

YUL

Colleagues.

DENPO

Even better. (to the Doctor)  
Perhaps we might talk in my  
office? Yul, could you please  
find the Doctor's friends?

THE DOCTOR

Graham, you go with him.

GRAHAM

Right you are.

YUL nods and leaves. GRAHAM follows. The ETERNAL DALEK  
addresses the two remaining DALEKS.

ETERNAL DALEK  
Continue the mantra of the  
Daleks!

As everyone else goes their separate ways, the remaining two DALEKS lower their eyestalks and continue their chant.

DALEKS  
Aum! Aum! Aum! Aum! Aum!

CUT TO:

11. INT. ETERNAL DALEK'S OFFICE. NIGHT.

We're in a small office shared by DENPO and the ETERNAL DALEK, full of Buddhist relics, rather haphazardly placed, mingled in with bits of broken Dalek and Dalek machinery and equipment.

We can hear the DALEKS back in the meditation chamber aumming in the distance.

THE DOCTOR is pacing the room. The ETERNAL DALEK is keeping a close watch on her. DENPO looks serene.

There's a Dalek-sized niche/alcove lined with circuitry that the DOCTOR glances at. She picks up a particularly broken piece of Dalek technology to the ETERNAL DALEK.

THE DOCTOR  
By the look of things, you  
weren't planning the trip out  
here.

ETERNAL DALEK  
Our scoutship was damaged. Our  
power units fading, we drifted  
for centuries beyond the galactic  
disc.

DENPO  
I assume the weft drive of your  
ship misphased, Doctor? That's  
what's happened to us. We were a  
small group, heading to Earth on  
pilgrimage from Unukalhai Four. We  
were able to locate and land  
on this planetoid, and found

two things: this ancient ruin that we were able to adapt as a shelter, and a crashed ship. The Daleks' ship. It took us many years to open up the capsule - none of us were experts, and it was clearly beyond repair with no sign of life, so, fascinating though it was, it couldn't be a priority.

FADE TO:

12. MONTAGE SEQUENCE.

Brief CUT TO to a small black and white image, like a telesnap, of robed MONKS standing at the side of an impact crater.

ETERNAL DALEK

The humans opened the capsule and restored our power. Nursed us back to health.

CUT TO to a flashback image, again black and white. A MONK plugging a heavy duty cable into a Dalek machine.

THE DOCTOR (to the Eternal Dalek)

And you soon worked out you were stuck here, same as the humans.

ETERNAL DALEK

We did not understand why the humans maintained an outpost here. When interrogated -

DENPO

Asked. They only needed to ask us.

ETERNAL DALEK

- they stated they sought awareness of the ultimate nature of the cosmos. They spoke of primal chaos. They spoke of places beyond the material universe, beyond time.

Brief CUT TO Buddhists meditating.

ETERNAL DALEK

Our battle computer concluded that mastery of such elemental forces would give the Daleks tactical superiority. We moved to attain the knowledge of the monks.

DENPO

At first they thought we were some remote weapons testing site, something like that. When we explained what a monastery was, at first they were suspicious, then a little baffled.

FADE BACK TO:

13. INT. DENPO'S OFFICE.

THE DOCTOR

... and then they decided to exterminate you.

DENPO

Yes. The Daleks believed it was their nature to kill anything unlike them.

ETERNAL DALEK

I did not understand why the monks made no attempt to bargain, either individually or as a group. I ordered a stay of execution until it was understood why they did not beg for their lives.

DENPO

Their reason may have been purely practical, and meant as temporary, but the Daleks had quickly taken the first step. They had abandoned violence.

THE DOCTOR (still suspicious)

The Daleks aren't so good with steps.

The ETERNAL DALEK is clearly a little riled by the DOCTOR's

attitude, and is reigning in anger, getting increasingly agitated.

ETERNAL DALEK

Daleks do what is necessary to survive.

Without any fuss or anyone noticing, yet, the Dalek 'aumming' from the other room has stopped.

DOCTOR

Go on, then: what's all this mean? What have you learned that you didn't know before?

ETERNAL DALEK

The monks taught us that the greatest power in the universe was mercy.

THE DOCTOR

And you believe that?

Brief CUT TO a quick flashback, a black and white close up of DENPO's head, but this time it moves. See DENPO mouth the words, but hear the ETERNAL DALEK say them.

ETERNAL DALEK

All is suffering. I must do everything I can to help those who suffer. We must all strive to end universal suffering.

THE DOCTOR

It's been tried. It's not as easy as it sounds. OK, the Daleks have the resources to operate on a galactic scale, but even if you converted the entire Black Fleet to deliver relief supplies ...

DENPO

Doctor, you have to understand that there's no possibility of any of us ever returning home. This monastery is the universe, for us. For us all. Please, I know it will take you a while to fully accept this, find a consolation in it.

THE DOCTOR

And the Daleks accept that they're trapped here?

DENPO

Trapped from one perspective, freed from another.

THE DOCTOR

(SUPER CASUAL) How many Daleks are there, by the way?

DENPO

Eight. The only -

ETERNAL DALEK

Do not disclose tactical information to an enemy of the Daleks!

THE DOCTOR

I thought you'd accepted the path of peace. Or whatever. Have you or haven't you?

DENPO

Doctor, please. The only scale we operate on here is what you see. The Daleks looked inward, and didn't like what they saw.

THE DOCTOR

Denpo, mate, no offence, but I was asking the Dalek, not you.

ETERNAL DALEK (calmed down a little)

I came to understand that we all must strive to put aside anger, craving and ignorance.

DENPO

Before there is galactic peace, there must be inner peace.

THE DOCTOR (to the ETERNAL DALEK)

(scoffs) No ... you're up to something. You lot always are. So you're telling me that you've no plans to go back? Not even tried sending a distress call?

ETERNAL DALEK

We are far beyond the range of the Dalek pathweb. Our initial desire was to return. But Buddhism teaches the folly of desire. We will spend the rest of our existence in contemplation.

DENPO

They will outlive us all, Doctor. Do you have any idea of the lifespan of an individual Dalek?

THE DOCTOR

Oh. A Dalek mutant can live a million years. (BEAT) If I let it.

ETERNAL DALEK

(RILED) The Doctor threatens the harmony of (this community) -

THE DOCTOR (interrupting)

Shush.

ETERNAL DALEK

Daleks do not (shush) -

THE DOCTOR

Listen. Can you hear that?

DENPO

We must learn not to be distracted from the (path of) -

THE DOCTOR

Seriously, guys: shush. Can you hear it?

ETERNAL DALEK.

What sound are you referring to?

THE DOCTOR

The sound of no Daleks chanting. I wonder why they stopped.

CUT TO:

14. INT. MEDITATION CHAMBER. NIGHT

We're alone in the room. The two DALEKS who had been meditating are dead. Their eyestalks are powered off, evil-looking smoke is pouring from their casings.

CUT TO:

15. INT. QUESTIONING ROOM

YUL is at the doorway of the Questioning Room, but no one has seen him. He takes in the scene.

GRAHAM is trying to figure out a space age tea-making machine. RYAN and YAZ have drinks already. DALEK ONE looms a little.

RYAN

So we had breakfast at a great cafe in Athens this morning.

YAZ

Yeah, but I skipped coffee. Always a mistake.

YUL gasps. The others see him.

YUL

Hello. I was, er, sent to make sure everyone was well.

DALEK ONE

We must return to the questioning.

GRAHAM

What's the goal here? Why would a Dalek be interested in all this?

DALEK ONE

The Eternal Dalek seeks nirvana. Liberation from the cycle of death, an end to all suffering.

RYAN

But you're a Dalek ... you're ... you do see the problem, don't you?

YAZ

Can you abandon death and suffering and still be a Dalek?

DALEK ONE

Indeed. What is Dalek nature? This must be articulated.

The DOCTOR enters the room, followed by the ETERNAL DALEK. GRAHAM is too busy with a space teabag to notice.

DALEK ONE (cont)

Our poets have expressed many ways of celebrating military victories. Yet they rarely explore our inner being.

YAZ

Poets? Did you just say 'poets'?

ETERNAL DALEK

Dalek poetry is the supreme poetry of the universe.

Ryan does a spit-take. Graham finally has his drink ready. He turns to see the DOCTOR, who takes his mug.

THE DOCTOR

Sounds daft, until it dawns on you loads of words rhyme with 'exterminate'. (BEAT) That was a haiku, by the way.

The DOCTOR takes a sip.

THE DOCTOR (Cont)

That's not bad tea. So, anyway, there's trouble in paradise. We just found -

The ETERNAL DALEK, ignoring the Doctor, addresses DALEK ONE.

ETERNAL DALEK

Proceed to sector one and await further orders. I will co-ordinate operations from the command pod.

DALEK ONE

I obey.

The ETERNAL DALEK and DALEK ONE leave.

YUL

I should find Denpo.

THE DOCTOR

He knows. We've just left him in  
the meditation chamber.

YUL leaves anyway. The Doctor frowns at this sudden  
departure, then takes another sip of tea.

RYAN

This is the questioning room.

THE DOCTOR

It's groovy.

YAZ

We've been questioning the nature  
of existence. Things got very deep.

THE DOCTOR (to Graham, who's nearest)

There is only tea in this tea?

GRAHAM

I assume so. I didn't get to drink  
it. What's going on? What's got into  
them? And what just happened that means  
the Daleks left us in here without  
any guards?

THE DOCTOR

Something just killed two Daleks  
so fast they didn't even put up  
a fight. And you know what's  
interesting: if you were a big yellow  
Dalek and I showed up, then ten  
minutes later two Daleks died, what  
would you do?

RYAN

Assume you did it. Start shouting.

YAZ

Yeah.

GRAHAM

I mean, you'd be the prime suspect.  
The only one, really. No offence.

THE DOCTOR

None taken. Flattered, actually. Be

quite worried if I wasn't on the list. I'm not on the list.

YAZ

So ... that means they know it isn't you. Something was wrong before we showed up. They expected an attack.

GRAHAM

So, OK. Any ideas what did kill them?

THE DOCTOR

If the Daleks have really found God, I don't think God's all that happy about it.

CUT TO:

16. INT. MEDITATION CHAMBER. NIGHT

YUL arrives to find DENPO standing by the two smouldering DALEKS. A couple of other human monks are tidying up the room.

DENPO

I had thought that the Daleks were impossible to kill.

YUL

This is not our biggest problem.

He takes DENPO out of earshot of the other monks.

DENPO

It isn't? Then ... ah, the arrival of the strangers? You think they will be disruptive? Is it the women? They will soon settle into the rhythms and harmonies of -

YUL

They aren't staying.

DENPO

I don't understand. Where would they go?

YUL

Denpo, the young man and woman  
said they were on Earth this  
morning. Athens.

DENPO

They have a ship that can ... there  
are ships now that can travel out  
this far? In a morning? (SCOFFS) No.

YUL

Did they explain how they got  
here?

DENPO

We have barely had time to -

YUL

Do they look like seasoned deep  
space travelers? Denpo, you have  
to think about the implications.

DENPO

We are old men, even you. Our families,  
everyone we know, are all long  
dead. By now, it's doubtful even  
the nations we were born in are still  
there. Would any of us really want  
to return? We have accepted, joyfully,  
that we will live out our lives here.

YUL

I'm sure you are right. But think.

It dawns on DENPO.

DENPO

The Daleks.

YUL

The knowledge that they could not  
leave this asteroid is what motivated  
them to look within, to accept peace.

DENPO

They are sincere in that.  
Enthusiastic.

YUL

Perhaps. But if they learn it is now possible to return home, or even to make contact with other Daleks ... they'll revert to their old ways.

DENPO

You are cynical. Do not underestimate the Eternal Dalek, he has come so far.

YUL (trying to placate)

I don't think we should underestimate them, that's my point. The Doctor is right to be sceptical. The Daleks are ... cauldrons of anger.

DENPO

Human beings have never been angels, either. Our entire history -

YUL

I know my history. Just ... for the moment, we mustn't let the Daleks find out about this. We must be cautious.

DENPO seems about to snap.

DENPO

You would have me deceive the Eternal Dalek? Lie to our friend?

YUL (indicates the dead Daleks)

They might want to stay, but If you were them, wouldn't you at least want to escape this?

The two dead DALEKS continue to smoulder.

CUT TO:

17. INT. DENPO'S OFFICE. NIGHT

The ETERNAL DALEK heads to the alcove the Doctor noticed. As the ETERNAL DALEK reaches it, it lights up, mechanisms move to accommodate, then immerse it. The ETERNAL DALEK slots itself in.

The ETERNAL DALEK is quickly surrounded by screens, displays, cables and so on that are all coming to life. From here it is

connected to advanced command and communication systems.

ETERNAL DALEK  
Activate command link. Sector  
one. Report.

DALEK ONE (OOV)  
I will reach sector one in  
four rels.

The screens start flashing with various archived images,  
pictures and graphics of a police box.

ETERNAL DALEK  
Maintain that position. No one  
is to leave. Human or Dalek.

CUT TO:

18. INT. CORRIDOR. NIGHT.

We follow DALEK ONE as it moves down a corridor,

DALEK ONE  
I obey.

ANOTHER DALEK arrives, heading in the opposite direction.

DALEK ONE  
Two Dalek casualties confirmed.

OTHER DALEK  
Dalek casualties?

DALEK ONE  
Maintain vigilance. Report all  
anomalies to the Eternal Dalek via  
the command link.

OTHER DALEK  
I obey.

The OTHER DALEK moves away and DALEK ONE continues on its  
way. Before it has left the shot, unnoticed by DALEK ONE, a  
supernaturally black tendril reaches from out of shot,  
contacts the shell of the OTHER DALEK, vanishes.

The OTHER DALEK grinds to a halt, its eyestalk is dim. Smoke  
begins to swirl from its casing.

Oblivious, DALEK ONE passes through an archway and out to -

CUT TO:

19. EXT. MONASTERY GATEWAY.

DALEK ONE

In position.

CUT TO:

20. INT. DALEK COMMAND POD. NIGHT

ETERNAL DALEK

Acknowledged. All Dalek units  
to maintain maximum alert.

Over the speakers, slightly tinny:

DALEKS (en masse)

We obey!

CUT TO:

21. INT. MEDITATION CHAMBER. NIGHT

RYAN idly spins a prayer wheel with his hand as YAZ looks around. The two dead DALEKS are still there, dusted with soot. The DOCTOR and GRAHAM are examining them.

YAZ

Ryan! Leave that alone.

RYAN

What? There's no one  
around.

YAZ

This is a crime scene. Don't  
touch anything. You might  
destroy evidence.

The DOCTOR starts kicking a DALEK, noisily and rather frenetically, until one of its bumps falls off. She takes out the sonic screwdriver and uses it to examine the component.

GRAHAM

Give it to me straight, Doc, are

they going to make it?

The DOCTOR tosses the component to GRAHAM. He catches it, examines it, shrugs. From now on, for the rest of this scene, the camera is locked off and there's a full length static shot of the room. The DOCTOR, GRAHAM, YAZ and RYAN are huddled to to the right of the screen, there's plenty of space to their left, behind the DOCTOR. There's a busy Tibetan tapestry hanging in the dead space.

What's going to happen is, in that dead space, a very, very slow fade up of a VOID PHANTOM materialising. It will take minutes, and various members of the audience will notice him at various times. Our attention is going to be on the DOCTOR and friends the whole time.

A VOID PHANTOM is a supernaturally black humanoid form with a head studded with pale blue dots that are probably eyes. The limbs are more like tentacles than arms and legs.

THE DOCTOR

Daleks aren't easy to kill. They have customizable defences available to them. Countermeasures against every previous opponent stored in their databanks. And they have a lot of opponents. They'd normally never keep all those defences active all the time, it drains too much power. They pick their settings based on who they're fighting. Yet this one had been keeping every defensive system on maximum for over a month.

GRAHAM

Much good it did.

THE DOCTOR

Good news for us. I think the real reason we weren't exterminated on sight was that they needed to reconfigure their settings to power up their guns.

YAZ

And if they've activated defences against everything, it must mean they've got no idea what they're fighting.

THE DOCTOR.

Exactly.

GRAHAM

But you do? You think it's ... God?

THE DOCTOR

A figure of speech. Denpo told me that this building was already here when his lot arrived. I don't think many spaceships have ended up here over the aeons, but it's definitely more than just two.

YAZ

It would make a hell of a prison.

THE DOCTOR

Good thinking. Yes. Perhaps something was exiled here deliberately.

GRAHAM

It would be a good place to hide out, too, if you didn't want to be found.

THE DOCTOR

And anything that can survive out here in the void would be powerful, adaptable. I think the Daleks meddled with the forces of creation and stirred something up that was best left alone. Something big and old and dark and dangerous.

RYAN

The Daleks did that just by meditating?

THE DOCTOR

Hmmmmm. Actually, now I say that out loud, it's a bit New Age, isn't it? A bit wishy-washy. I mean whatever did this to these Daleks, it wasn't horoscopes and homeopathy. We should probably look for a scientific explanation. Or at the very least one that sounds scientific.

RYAN

Could it be something about the

planet? Something in the - I  
dunno - rocks?

YAZ

Could it be something in this  
room specifically?

YAZ happens to glance over her shoulder, and starts when she  
sees the VOID PHANTOM, who is not almost, not quite, fully  
manifested. GRAHAM sees the PHANTOM at the same time.

YAZ

How long was that - ?

GRAHAM

Yargh!

The VOID PHANTOM is bald, robed, utterly serene, faceless,  
inhuman. RYAN and the DOCTOR have seen the VOID PHANTOM now.  
The VOID PHANTOM begins gliding towards the DOCTOR, past YAZ  
and GRAHAM. He reaches out, brushes the DOCTOR's face so  
tenderly there might not be any actual physical contact. The  
DOCTOR collapses, clutching her head.

GRAHAM

Doctor!

The only thing GRAHAM has to hand is the Dalek bump. He  
throws it at the VOID PHANTOM's head. The VOID PHANTOM isn't  
even looking his way, he's looking at the Doctor, but he  
catches the ball anyway, then gently throws it back to  
GRAHAM, who catches it. It gives RYAN time to pull the DOCTOR  
away.

RYAN (to YAZ and GRAHAM)

Get away. Through there! I'll look  
after her.

THE DOCTOR

Try and get back to the TARDIS.  
It's not that far. It's safe.

RYAN

Yeah. Go there now. OK? We'll  
be right behind you.

GRAHAM and YAZ hesitate.

THE DOCTOR

Seriously, what do you think you  
can do? We've got this!

GRAHAM and YAZ head out into the corridor. RYAN and the  
DOCTOR are trapped.

RYAN  
We've got this?

THE DOCTOR  
I exaggerated.

CUT TO:

22. INT. CORRIDOR

YAZ and GRAHAM are hurrying down a corridor. They pass the  
dead smouldering DALEK from Scene 18. GRAHAM's lagging a bit.

YAZ  
Another dead Dalek.

GRAHAM stops, YAZ stops with him.

GRAHAM  
Yeah, I see it. We ... give me a minute  
here, Yaz. We're nearly at the door, I think.

They carry on, but walking. There's a very faint machine  
rumbling noise.

GRAHAM (cont)  
Am I imagining it, or can you hear a noise? Like a  
machine?

YAZ  
Yeah. (BEAT) We should go back. I know  
what you're going to say, but there  
must be something we can do.

GRAHAM  
The Doctor told us there wasn't.

YAZ  
The Doctor has no idea what that  
thing is, either.

GRAHAM and YAZ turn a corner -

CUT TO:

23. EXT. MONASTERY GATEWAY.

- GRAHAM and YAZ leave the Monastery and run straight into DALEK ONE guarding the exit. The rumbling noise is still faint, but louder.

DALEK ONE

Halt! No further. Humans are not permitted past this point.

YAZ

I have some things to report. There's Another dead Dalek back there, and there's a ... creature in the Meditation Chamber.

GRAHAM

A sort of shadow man. Yeah.

YAZ

You should definitely investigate it. It was attacking the Doctor and Ryan. We barely got away.

GRAHAM

You should do something to help. (THINKS ABOUT THIS) Help our friends, I mean. I don't mean help it attack the Doctor.

Pause while DALEK ONE cogitates.

GRAHAM (cont)

Of course, if you wanted to attack the Doctor, she's right there, in the Meditation Chamber.

DALEK ONE

Remain here. Remain here.

It hurries inside. YAZ is glaring at him.

GRAHAM

What?

YAZ

You think you're helping the Doctor and Ryan by sending a Dalek in there?

GRAHAM

The way I look at it, the Dalek makes a meatier distraction than we would. And the Doctor knows how to handle one Dalek.

YAZ

We should get back inside.

GRAHAM

No. I've got another way we might be able to help the Doctor. I had a thought. When we arrived, we followed that Dalek. We know where it went, but where was it coming from, eh?

YAZ brightens - perhaps there's something she can do, after all.

YAZ

There's not meant to be anything out here.

GRAHAM

But they put a guard on the door, not to stop people coming in, but to stop them going out.

YAZ

It really didn't want us to go outside, did it?

GRAHAM

Nope.

YAZ

Follow that noise?

GRAHAM

After you.

They carry on outside.

CUT TO:

24. INT. MEDITATION CHAMBER.

The VOID PHANTOM is advancing. RYAN and the DOCTOR are backed against the prayer wheels. The DOCTOR is woozy, on her knees.

THE DOCTOR

I think I hit my head. It hurts.  
Twisted my ankle. Twisted my  
head ankle.

RYAN

Not got a plan, here, Doctor. If  
there's a plan -

The prayer wheels are moving again, we're not paying attention to that, though.

THE DOCTOR

Ryan. When I say "Ryan", Ryan.  
Ryan like the wind.

RYAN

You were attacked. Some kind of,  
yeah, some sort of psychic attack.  
I need you to fight it.

THE DOCTOR

They're moving.

RYAN

What?

RYAN thinks she's talking about the PHANTOM. The PHANTOM is no longer advancing.

RYAN (cont)

No. You're wrong. They've stopped.  
Doctor?

THE DOCTOR

Psychic! Yes. (TO THE PHANTOM) Are you  
trying to communicate? Yeah? OK.  
Wait. (FUMBLES IN POCKET, PRODUCES  
AND BRANDISHES PSYCHIC PAPER). Psychic  
paper.

The DOCTOR checks the psychic paper, it's gone pitch black.

THE DOCTOR

Right. OK. That's probably not  
a good sign ... Oh!

The psychic paper ignites, nearly taking the DOCTOR's hand  
with it.

THE DOCTOR

OK. So ... any ideas, Ryan? Done  
anything like this before? Not sure I  
have. Hang on, it's -

Close up on the DOCTOR's face, bathed in light. Her eyes are  
closed, like she's communing with some incomprehensible  
force.

Her eyes snap open, they're glittering with light. She shakes  
her head as if to get free.

THE DOCTOR (cont)

No. Not playing. Not interested.

Her eyes are still glittering, she's twitching, like she's  
trying hard not to smile.

Her eyes are normal again.

THE DOCTOR (cont)

Ryan, I'm going to activate my mental  
defences. It may -

The DOCTOR faints.

RYAN.

No no no no no no. Wait.

The VOID PHANTOM just hovers/looms there.

CUT TO:

25. INT. DENPO'S OFFICE.

DENPO hurries into the room, slaps his hand against the Dalek  
alcove.

DENPO

My friend, I ...

The machine opens up, and the ETERNAL DALEK, backlit and towering over DENPO, looks nothing but demonic.

It looms there, DENPO shifts uncomfortably.

DENPO

I have something to tell you.  
The Doctor and her friends. I  
thought they were castaways, like  
us. But ... but that's not the case.  
They have some kind of new stardrive.  
Their journey from Earth took less  
than a day. It sounds impossible, but -

ETERNAL DALEK

Observe.

A screen whirrs out and around from the depths of the command pod. It shows the TARDIS.

DENPO

I don't understand.

ETERNAL DALEK

That is the TARDIS. The Doctor's  
travel machine. It is eight hundred  
metres from the entrance to this  
monastery. From the dawn of our  
history, Daleks have been commanded  
to secure this craft upon detection.

DENPO

But you have left it alone.

ETERNAL DALEK

I no longer desire to return to  
the Dalek Nation. I resist this  
temptation. (BEAT) It is not easy.

DENPO

Nor ... nor for me. I have lived here  
for many years, but of course I  
miss the simple, everyday things.  
The path we chose is not the easy  
one. For any of us.

ETERNAL DALEK

A Dalek is a perfect being. A

perfect being must put aside its base desires. The Doctor makes me angry.

DENPO

No. You make yourself angry, because of the Doctor. A very important distinction. All your anger, all your "base desires", they come from within. You must learn to accept that before you can learn anything more.

The ETERNAL DALEK is either contemplating this or holding back from snapping. DENPO clearly isn't sure which it is, either.

ETERNAL DALEK

The Doctor must be made to leave. You must make the Doctor leave.

DENPO

Yes. I agree. She has disturbed the delicate balance of this place.

ETERNAL DALEK

I have one other request. We must not let the other Daleks know the TARDIS is here. We must be cautious.

DENPO

You haven't told them? You don't trust them?

ETERNAL DALEK

Dalek nature is ... assertive. They may lack the necessary strength to resist their desires. I will order an increase level of meditation. I must meditate now.

DENPO

May I join you?

A panel opens on the command pod. A small disc slides out. DENPO picks it up.

ETERNAL DALEK

If you wish to truly join me, then place the link on your forehead.

DENPO hesitates, then presses it to his forehead, where it sticks.

ETERNAL DALEK  
Commence.

The ETERNAL DALEK's eyestalk droops to the floor. A moment of silence then DENPO and the ETERNAL DALEK start chanting. It's more of a harmony than the din when just Daleks do it.

ETERNAL DALEK and DENPO  
Aum! Aum! Aum! Aum!

CUT TO:

26. INT. MEDITATION CHAMBER.

The VOID PHANTOM looms in the middle of the room. Ryan's lifting up the DOCTOR, but has no way to escape.

THE DOCTOR  
OK. OK. I'm back. Wow. Whatever that thing is, it packs a psychic wallop. Still a bit wobbly. Did I miss much?

RYAN  
Just a few seconds. It's standing there, not doing much.

DALEK ONE comes barreling in.

DALEK ONE  
Exterminate! Exterminate!  
Exterminate!

Technically, it's aiming at the VOID PHANTOM, but a couple of energy bolts hit suspiciously close to RYAN and the DOCTOR.

RYAN has thrown the DOCTOR over his shoulder in a fireman's lift, and makes a run for it. The DOCTOR gets a good look behind them.

The VOID PHANTOM has turned to face DALEK ONE, which is firing and firing and firing. There's some effect, the PHANTOM reels a little with each hit.

THE DOCTOR  
It's working, but it's not enough.

DALEK ONE  
Switching to continuous fire.

One long sustained energy beam from DALEK ONE, hitting the VOID PHANTOM square in the chest. A negative/extermination effect surrounds it.

The PHANTOM vanishes. DALEK ONE stops firing. RYAN (still holding the DOCTOR) turns back around.

DALEK ONE  
Target repelled from this position.

RYAN  
Thank you. Thank you. Did you kill it?

The DALEK mulls this.

DALEK ONE  
Unknown. Doctor, you will explain why it targeted you.

RYAN is still carrying the DOCTOR and has to turn around so she can face the DALEK.

THE DOCTOR  
What was it, any idea? I'd say psychic projection, but it felt pretty solid. Is it that same thing that's been killing Daleks?

DALEK ONE  
Why would something hostile to the Daleks seek to destroy an enemy of the Daleks?

THE DOCTOR  
I don't think it was anything I said.

RYAN  
Can I put you down, yet?

The DOCTOR's miffed, but yes.

RYAN

So you think it's some ancient evil?

THE DOCTOR

I think so. Something that lives out here, a hyperobject we can only barely see the edges of. Something we're doing has poked it awake.

RYAN

Is there a humming noise?

ANOTHER DALEK races into the room, smoke pouring from its casing.

OTHER DALEK

Under attack! Under attack! No response from command. What are your orders?

It smacks into the wall, quite dead. Smoke starts pouring out of the casing.

THE DOCTOR (counting fingers)

Eight of you originally. Two Daleks died in here, there's that dead one out there in the corridor, now this one. The Eternal Dalek - who isn't returning your calls - and you. Two others. You should probably do a welfare check.

DALEK ONE

You will remain here.

DALEK ONE heads out.

THE DOCTOR

Narrator: the Doctor didn't remain here.

CUT TO:

27. EXT. ASTEROID CRATER

YAZ AND GRAHAM pick their way over the broken ground. The rumbling noise is pretty loud now, they're getting close.

They reach the edge of a small crater.

They overlook two DALEKS who are working on a machine the size of a small house that's been built from salvaged Dalek technology.

One DALEK is ferrying a large component that looks far too heavy for its sucker arm, but it's managing.

There's a central component that looks like a large drum.

GRAHAM

That's where the noise is coming from. Any idea what it is?

YAZ

If the Doctor was here, she'd wave the sonic and know what it is anyway, and tell us.

GRAHAM

That sound. It's weird. It's not a sound.

YAZ

What?

GRAHAM

Listen. Do you see what I'm getting at? It's not like a real sound, more like the idea of one.

YAZ

It's just (a sound) ... no, wait. Yeah. That is weird. It's in my head, but not in my ears.

GRAHAM

So ... we're not imagining it, right?

YAZ

And whatever that sound is, it's coming from that machine.

GRAHAM

It doesn't look finished.

YAZ

It does look important. And they're

doing their best to hide it.

One of the DALEKS operates a control. The central drum starts rotating, slowly.

GRAHAM and YAZ are hunched out of sight, watching as the Dalek machine starts powering up. Inner mechanisms are spinning, various tubes and powerlines begin humming and glowing with white light.

YAZ

It's a prayer wheel.

GRAHAM

What?

YAZ

Look. If you squint, it looks like one of those prayer wheels we saw inside the meditation room.

GRAHAM

You to squint hard, but ... yeah, OK.

YAZ

OK, so the Daleks have built a machine that does what a prayer wheel does, but bigger. So what's a prayer wheel meant to do?

GRAHAM

(STARTS CONFIDENT) Right. I saw a documentary once. They're a Buddhist thing. Those symbols are the mantras, the prayers, and the novice monks, they spin the prayer wheels and ... well, I forget the rest. Is it like dreamcatcher? Don't look at me like that, you're the 'scholar'. There's probably an encyclopedia in the TARDIS library that would tell us.

YAZ

There's a building full of Buddhist monks back there, we could always ask them. I'd look it up on my phone, but I doubt I'd get a signal out here.

GRAHAM

You've got your phone with you?

YAZ  
Of course I do.

GRAHAM  
We could get some pictures,  
take them back to the Doc.

YAZ  
It's dark. I think we need to get  
nearer.

GRAHAM  
Yeah, all right.

They ease themselves up, and start sneaking closer.

CUT TO:

28. INT. DENPO'S OFFICE. NIGHT

The DOCTOR and RYAN arrive to see the ETERNAL DALEK and DENPO deep in meditation, chanting their mantra. RYAN is fascinated by the sight, the DOCTOR ignores them and starts examining the machinery in the alcove.

RYAN  
The metal disc-

THE DOCTOR  
It's part of a Dalek mind probe.  
Drains mental energy.

She tugs something off the side of the command pod. Bits of Dalek wiring dangle from it. It's still connected. The ETERNAL DALEK and DENPO don't react, just keep chanting.

THE DOCTOR  
More cannibalised parts. This is  
from the Dalek command link. Again,  
all about mental energy - the  
command link transmits orders  
direct to the Daleks' brains.  
Spotting a pattern, here.

RYAN leans in to DENPO. His face is beatific, calm. He is whispering his mantra.

RYAN

Did the Daleks make him do this?  
Should we take this disc off him?

DENPO's mouth sags, he's slurring the mantra, now.

RYAN (cont)

This really doesn't look healthy.

YUL has entered.

YUL

What is happening? What are  
you doing to Denpo?

RYAN

Mate, we just got here.

The DOCTOR doesn't look up, she's fiddling around with the mechanisms. She's just found a control box of some kind.

THE DOCTOR

Can't you see? He's meditating  
with his friend the Eternal Dalek,  
that's all. Didn't you read your  
pamphlets? Meditation aids  
spiritual wellness.

YUL

We need to get him out of this!

Before he can do anything, the aumming abruptly stops. The ETERNAL DALEK is reviving.

DENPO's eyes snap open. For the briefest moments, they glow with glittering white light, then return to normal.

YUL takes the opportunity to remove the metal disc from his forehead.

DENPO

I was there. I was there.

He slumps back, begins to regain his composure. The DOCTOR is interested in the old man now.

CUT TO:

28. EXT. CRATER

YAZ and GRAHAM are sneaking towards the giant Dalek machine when DALEK ONE heads past them, travelling at some speed. It doesn't notice them. The DALEKS are close enough that it's wise to whisper.

YAZ  
Is he looking for us, do you think?

GRAHAM  
I think he's going to see his mates over at the construction site. Gives us a great chance to take good pictures.

YAZ  
We shouldn't go any closer.

GRAHAM  
I thought you were the brave one.

YAZ  
I'm the one trained to cope with dangerous situations. You maintain a safe distance, you don't take unnecessary risks, you call for back up.

GRAHAM  
Give us your phone, then. I'll call for back up.

YAZ hands it over. GRAHAM hurries away with it, mischievous expression on his face.

YAZ (hissed)  
Graham!

GRAHAM's hurrying towards the machine.

CUT TO:

29. INT. DENPO'S OFFICE

The DOCTOR is helping DENPO to his feet.

DENPO

It can't be -  
(to the ETERNAL DALEK)  
How did you do that?

ETERNAL DALEK  
Dalek technology is far  
beyond that of the human race.

YUL  
What happened?

THE DOCTOR  
Nirvana. The ultimate sense of  
enlightenment. The loss of self. Most  
importantly, connection to a  
higher realm of being.

DENPO  
Everything I strive for when  
meditating.

ETERNAL DALEK  
Brain activity is simply  
electrical activity. A combination  
of Dalek neuroscience and human  
meditation techniques allows  
an individual to achieve nirvana.

RYAN  
As simple as that? Heaven?

THE DOCTOR  
A zone of perfect bliss.  
Heaven's as good a word as any.

RYAN  
It's real?

THE DOCTOR  
Sure. Near enough as makes no  
difference. If you want it  
translated into science,  
it's a higher dimension where  
the electrical signals that  
make up consciousness reach  
certain mental states that produce  
pleasure.

ETERNAL DALEK

My gift to you, and  
to my Daleks.

YUL (sceptical)  
You have achieved more than  
a handful of the most holy  
men have ever managed?  
You?! Impossible.

DENPO  
It felt ... it felt like I  
always imagined nirvana might.  
Yul, you shouldn't arrogantly  
assume you know what the  
Daleks can and can't do.

YUL  
They're evil.

DENPO  
If such a great evil can  
be turned around, would  
it not become a great good?

YUL  
This is nonsense!

The DOCTOR checks her watch.

THE DOCTOR  
The Daleks can't even send  
people on a quick tour of  
Heaven without starting a  
fight. Between Buddhist monks,  
no less. Funny thing, though:  
I felt that sense of nirvana,  
whatever, I felt it earlier.

DENPO  
You did?

THE DOCTOR  
Yeah. Except, spooky plot  
twist, that was when the  
Void Phantom was attacking me.  
I really got the sense it  
wanted to send me to Heaven  
on a one-way ticket.

RYAN  
Definitely.

THE DOCTOR (to the Eternal Dalek)  
You've made contact with  
something. I've no idea what  
it is. Do you?

CUT TO:

30. EXT. ASTEROID CRATER

DALEK ONE has arrived at the construction site and wheels up to the other two DALEKS, who stop what they're doing to convene.

In the background to all this, GRAHAM's right up against the machine.

The giant prayer wheel machine is not turning, there's clearly some power, bits of it are lit up.

DALEK ONE  
Four Daleks have been exterminated  
by an unknown force. The Doctor  
is at large. The Eternal Dalek  
has failed to contain either  
threat. We are the last three  
Daleks under his command.

DALEK TWO  
The strategies of the Eternal  
Dalek are no defence against this  
emergency. He has failed even  
to identify a target.

GRAHAM's angling for a good spot to take a picture. The joke is he's too close, now, he has to take a step back. He's conscious of the DALEKS, but not too worried. He's calm, brave, assured, peak GRAHAM. Spoiler for the end of this scene: this isn't going to end well.

YAZ is hiding further back, agitated either because GRAHAM's such an idiot or she's not able to help him.

DALEK THREE  
Why have we not exterminated  
the Doctor? The Doctor is the

cause of much suffering. Suffering  
must cease.

ALL THREE DALEKS  
Suffering must cease!

DALEK ONE  
The Eternal Dalek has been  
corrupted by the humans. The  
Eternal Dalek may be malfunctioning.  
The Eternal Dalek is weak. Our duty  
is clear.

ALL THREE DALEKS  
Exterminate the Eternal Dalek.  
Exterminate the Doctor. Exterminate!  
Exterminate!

Over this last line, we see GRAHAM has his perfect angle to  
take a picture.

GRAHAM (under his breath)  
There we go, there we go.  
Perfect framing.

We see the rest of the scene from the POV of the phone  
camera.

A wall of symbols - Dalek writing, Buddhist symbols, or some  
weird fusion of the two. Lovely shot. Perfect.

GRAHAM presses the button to take the picture.

The flash goes off!

Pause.

GRAHAM (OOV)  
Uh-oh!

The phone screen pitches around to face the three DALEKS,  
perhaps fifty feet away. The DALEKS swing to look straight at  
us/GRAHAM.

DALEK TWO  
It is one of the Doctor's  
accomplices.

The DALEKS are turning towards GRAHAM and starting to

advance.

DALEK ONE

He recorded our conference.

DALEK THREE

Exterminate! Exterminate!

In his panic, GRAHAM presses the button again, and gets a beautiful photo of three furious DALEKS bearing down on him.

We hold on this picture, silently, for a second or two, then  
FADE TO:

### 31. INT. MEDITATION CHAMBER

The DOCTOR, ETERNAL DALEK, RYAN, YUL and DENPO have moved through to the Meditation Chamber. The DOCTOR is closest to the prayer wheels, is looking at them thoughtfully.

ETERNAL DALEK

I ordered the construction of machines to probe the Void. While using the machines, I soon encountered a deep darkness.

RYAN

Machines? You have to say more than just 'machines'.

DENPO

And a 'deep darkness'. My friend, be more specific.

ETERNAL DALEK

I do not fully understand. There is nothing in the Dalek history computers that matches what I encountered. (PAUSE) Doctor, do you understand?

The DOCTOR does her best not to gloat that a Dalek has bowed to her wisdom.

THE DOCTOR

Actually, I -

GRAHAM bursts in, he's run all the way from the crater, and

he's out of breath, in a state. DENPO and RYAN hurry to help him. The DOCTOR and ETERNAL DALEK keep an eye on this, but also each other.

GRAHAM

Big machine ... crater ... got a good photo. Daleks chasing us ... god I'm cream crackered ... wants to kill the ... the big yellow ... Dalek. Really good photo. Perfect framing.

YAZ runs in as RYAN and DENPO grab a collapsing GRAHAM. She's fitter, regulated her run, she's only a little out of breath.

YAZ

The Daleks are thirty seconds behind us. (TO THE ETERNAL DALEK) They're gunning for you, they say you've betrayed them.

The ETERNAL DALEK moves nearer the door. GRAHAM's coughing, and in its way.

ETERNAL DALEK

Stand aside.

THE DOCTOR

Take cover everyone. And someone get Graham a glass of water.

The DOCTOR is conspicuously not taking cover as all the other people are.

CUT TO:

32. INT. CORRIDOR. NIGHT

The three DALEKS are moving purposefully and in formation towards the meditation chamber.

A MONK sees them, moves aside and gives a courteous bow.

One DALEK's gun flicks to point at him, and the MONK is enveloped in the extermination effect.

CUT TO:

33 INT. MEDITATION CHAMBER. NIGHT

The DOCTOR has half-heard the killing, she's the only one who has.

THE DOCTOR  
All right everyone, behind me.

Two MONKS run in, fleeing the Daleks.

DENPO  
There is no need to disturb the peace of this place with all this hurrying about. The Daleks are (our friends)-

The MONKS are enveloped in the extermination effect, dying in screaming agony.

The three DALEKS arrive. Instantly dominating the room. Scary. They fan out, trying to get a bead on the ETERNAL DALEK, but the DOCTOR is in the way. YAZ, GRAHAM, DENPO and RYAN are behind the Eternal Dalek, or soon will be.

ETERNAL DALEK  
Explain.

DALEK ONE  
Your strategies have failed.  
Four Daleks have been killed.

DALEK TWO  
Analysis of command link telemetry indicates your tactics have been corrupted by beliefs alien to the Daleks.

DENPO steps forward.

YAZ  
What are you doing? Get back!

DENPO  
My friends, we have come so far. Out here, alone in the darkness. I have talked to all of you. I know that you have all taken some of the teachings we offer here to heart.

DALEK THREE

We do not dispute that. We do not reject the teachings of Buddhism.

The humans are all surprised, and look at each other. The DOCTOR is more thoughtful.

YUL

You just killed at least two people.

DALEK ONE

Eternal Dalek. You have failed to protect the Daleks under your command.

DALEK TWO

You have failed to secure the TARDIS. You have failed to exterminate the Doctor.

The ETERNAL DALEK's head swivels, it's sizing up the threat.

DALEK THREE

A change of leadership is required.

The DOCTOR interposes herself.

THE DOCTOR

Hello. So ... you're still Buddhists? Is that the story here?

DALEK ONE

The new goal of the Daleks is clear. The Daleks must end universal suffering.

The DOCTOR turns her back on the DALEK firing squad and looks at the humans, grandstanding. She's denying them a clear shot at the ETERNAL DALEK, who is moving around behind her, getting into a better position.

THE DOCTOR

Oh, now I get it. Doesn't anyone else get it? Let me ask anyway.

She leans in to DALEK ONE, clears her throat theatrically.

THE DOCTOR (cont)  
And, drumroll, how do you plan  
going about ending universal  
suffering, then? She asked, expecting  
the answer -

DALEK ONE  
Total extermination!

THE DOCTOR (resigned)  
And there we go.

DALEK TWO  
To live is to suffer.

DALEK THREE  
To exterminate suffering, all who  
suffer must be exterminated!

DALEK ONE  
Logically, all who live must  
be exterminated.

The DOCTOR sags.

THE DOCTOR  
I mean, good grief, you Daleks ...  
Human beings managed to twist an  
ancient religion into an excuse  
to buy yoga mats and joss sticks,  
but it takes a Dalek to think  
that the message of Buddha was to  
round everybody up, put them in  
a field and bomb them.

DALEK THREE  
The extermination of all other  
sentient life is consistent  
with existing Dalek beliefs.

RYAN leans over to GRAHAM

RYAN  
I mean, that's fair.

DALEK ONE  
We only wish to enhance the  
spiritual welfare of the

universe.

DALEK TWO

Life was a mistake. An accident of nature. The random evolution of consciousness brought with it suffering. The ideal form of the universe is therefore one without life.

THE DOCTOR

All life but Dalek life, I'm assuming.

ETERNAL DALEK

Our creation was a deliberate act.

THE DOCTOR

Oh, you're talking now, are you? So, you've managed to twist a religion to reinforce your existing belief that you're the exception that proves the rule. Not exactly original -

ETERNAL DALEK

Daleks! You have failed.

DALEK ONE

Execution party. End the suffering of the Eternal Dalek.

YAZ

Watch out for crossfire, everyone.

The ETERNAL DALEK has three DALEKS lined up against it. The DOCTOR, GRAHAM, RYAN, YAZ, DENPO and YUL will have to make every effort not to get caught by an energy bolt.

DALEKS TWO AND THREE

We obey!

All three DALEKS fire on the ETERNAL DALEK.

DALEK ONE is aiming for the eyestalk and misses, almost hitting RYAN, who has to throw himself out of the way.

DALEK TWO is aiming for the sucker arm and hits it, blowing

it off.

DALEK THREE fires at the ETERNAL DALEK's gun, missing, but scoring a great scar down the side of its casing.

This knocks the ETERNAL DALEK back, meaning that DALEK ONE's second shot misses ... but almost hits YUL.

ETERNAL DALEK  
Obliterate!

The ETERNAL DALEK fires. As an executive Dalek, its gun is more powerful than the standard issue, and it looks and sounds that way. The energy beam hits DALEK THREE square on. DALEK THREE is thrown back, a great hole in its midsection exposes circuitry and organic components.

DALEK THREE  
I have sustained heavy -

The ETERNAL DALEK fires again, this time blasting DALEK THREE into scraps of metal and charred mutant.

We see the DOCTOR covering her head to avoid a shower of Dalek bits.

The DOCTOR, RYAN, YAZ, GRAHAM, DENPO and YUL are ducking and diving.

There are a few seconds of more random gunfire from DALEK ONE and DALEK TWO. The ETERNAL DALEK is more sparing with its shots.

DALEK ONE  
Concentrate fire on the eyestalk  
of the Eternal Dalek!

Both DALEKS fire at and hit the eyestalk, blasting it off in a burst of light.

The ETERNAL DALEK returns fire, missing the DALEKS but hitting YUL, who is enveloped in the extermination effect. The blast is so powerful he just evaporates.

YUL  
Aaarrgh!

The DOCTOR pulls DENPO away.

THE DOCTOR  
Leave him! Get clear!

The two surviving DALEKS are prowling around the blind ETERNAL DALEK.

DALEK TWO  
Target the motive units.  
Rapid fire, maximum effect.

DALEK ONE  
The Eternal Dalek is blind.  
Commence silent operational mode.

The lights on DALEK TWO's dome light up to mime 'I obey'.

THE DOCTOR  
Brace yourselves, everyone!

The two DALEKS fire on the skirt section of the ETERNAL DALEK, a barrage of countless small bursts, they just keep going. Bathed in a firestorm, the metal begins smoking and glowing. Some of the skirt bumps are melting and popping.

The ETERNAL DALEK pivots around and fires wildly three times, getting nowhere near the DALEKS, but making the DOCTOR, YAZ, RYAN, GRAHAM and DENPO scurry about. Each shot that misses hits the wall like a wrecking ball.

GRAHAM  
Oi! Watch where you're  
shooting.

YAZ shoves GRAHAM out of the line of fire.

YAZ  
It can't see, it doesn't  
know what it's shooting at.

RYAN  
Eternal Dalek! Dalek. I'm  
over here!

YAZ  
What are you doing?

GRAHAM  
Wait, no, he's right.

What they're saying dawns on YAZ.

YAZ  
Don't shoot this way. Shoot  
The other way.

There's a pause in the barrage.

The DOCTOR has been dodging fire, but has ended up straight in front of DALEK TWO, looks right at it. Winces.

DALEK TWO  
I have a firing solution  
on the Doctor!

DALEK ONE  
Maintain attack on the  
Eternal Dalek!

DALEK TWO  
I obey!

The DOCTOR dives out the way, and the barrage resumes.

There's an explosion from under the ETERNAL DALEK, a crackling chain reaction. Some of the bottom row of bumps have popped out, revealing the underside of the ETERNAL DALEK is on fire.

The ETERNAL DALEK stops firing, stops moving. DALEKS ONE and TWO stop firing.

DALEK TWO  
Success! The Eternal Dalek  
has -

The ETERNAL DALEK pivots to the source of the sound, shearing away the remains of its base, and fires, decapitating DALEK TWO.

YAZ ends up catching the head, somewhat to her alarm. Its eyestalk twitches.

DALEK TWO  
Am exterminated. Am ...  
ex ... ter ...

DENPO hurries over to the ETERNAL DALEK.

YAZ  
Get back, you idiot. Doctor,  
tell him.

But DALEK ONE knows it can't beat the ETERNAL DALEK, not like this.

DALEK ONE  
Withdraw, withdraw!

ETERNAL DALEK  
Total obliteration!

A massive blast from the ETERNAL DALEK evaporates DALEK ONE, keeps going and blows a Dalek-sized hole in the wall.

The ETERNAL DALEK is on fire. RYAN's already found a fire extinguisher and is fumbling to use it.

The room is chaos - chunks blasted out of the wall, two dead monks, ruins of various Daleks. The prayer wheels are shattered, sparking, with bits of Dalek machinery exposed now.

THE DOCTOR  
(A LITTLE TOO MINDLESSLY OPTIMISTIC)  
How we all doing? Everyone good?

The silence is broken when RYAN sprays the flames lapping the ETERNAL DALEK with a burst from the fire extinguisher.

CUT TO:

#### 34. INT. CORRIDOR/QUESTIONING ROOM

A short bridging sequence - shots of a handful of MONKS clearing away the rubble and the dead.

Aftermath, everyone subdued.

CUT TO:

#### 35. INT. MEDITATION CHAMBER

GRAHAM, YAZ, RYAN, DENPO and a couple of MONKS are tidying up the rubble and bodies.

The DOCTOR is unplugging the ETERNAL DALEK's gunstick with

the help of the sonic screwdriver.

ETERNAL DALEK

You would leave me unable to attack my enemies?

THE DOCTOR

Duh.

The DOCTOR pulls the gunstick out of the casing and away, hands it to YAZ.

ETERNAL DALEK

Blind and defenceless?

The DOCTOR pauses.

THE DOCTOR

Graham, Ryan - see if there's an intact eyestalk on one of those dead Daleks. (INDICATES THE ETERNAL DALEK'S SMASHED EYE) If there is, use it to replace this one.

RYAN

Yeah, all right. I assume it's all plug and play.

THE DOCTOR

I've turned off everything but basic life support, shut off its comms, sealed its casing so it can't get out. Dos and don'ts: don't connect him up to anything else, at all, whatever he tells you, however innocent it looks.

GRAHAM

Yeah, yeah, got it.

THE DOCTOR

It can talk to Denpo, but don't let them get within touching distance. Don't trust it, don't leave it alone, don't assume it can't repair itself, don't hang around if it starts moving. Do not, and I can't emphasise this

enough, place the palm of your hand on its head.

RYAN

Why would I want to - ?

THE DOCTOR

Just ... don't.

THE DOCTOR

Right. Can't do anything about the ... whatever it is. Phantom. Not just yet. Yaz, you're with me, show me that big machine the Daleks were building. Bring the gun.

CUT TO:

36. EXT. ASTEROID

The DOCTOR whirls around, reveling in the lack of view. YAZ is technically leading the way, she's got the Dalek gun slung over her shoulder.

The VOID PHANTOM is slowly materializing in front of them, they don't see it, yet. Attentive audience members will.

THE DOCTOR

Love this place. Look at that. No stars, no galaxies.

YAZ

Just the Daleks, a weird killer space ghost and a pile of dead bodies. The big machine is this way.

THE DOCTOR

Yeah. I can see your footprints. Yours and Graham's. Funny how Graham got back to the monastery before you did.

YAZ

All right, all right. I told him to pace himself, he didn't listen. You saw the picture he took, do you have any idea what the machine is?

THE DOCTOR

I have a theory, yeah. Buddhists say that spinning a prayer wheel increases wisdom and merit. So a Dalek machine version of that ... I think it collects and amplifies mental energy.

YAZ

Which attracted the ... phantom thing?

THE DOCTOR

Or the phantom thing was here already and the energy woke it up. Either way, the Daleks built a sort of psychic firewall, and the creature basks in the heat from that firewall.

YAZ

We need to shut it down.

THE DOCTOR

Find some way to drain off the energy without just feeding the creature.

YAZ

Doctor ...

YAZ points. The VOID PHANTOM is standing there, only a few steps ahead. It doesn't move. It doesn't have any eyes this time.

THE DOCTOR

Ah, yes. Speak of the devil.

CUT TO:

37. INT. MEDITATION CHAMBER

GRAHAM and RYAN are working on fitting a standard Dalek eyestalk to the ETERNAL DALEK, but it's not going well.

GRAHAM

I don't think it fits. You wanna try?

RYAN

I'm not going to be any better at it, am I? But I can see it's not going to work.

ETERNAL DALEK

This is all Dalek technology.

GRAHAM

Yeah? Well, this Dalek plug is twice the size of this Dalek socket.

RYAN

And this Dalek cable doesn't match any of these Dalek ports.

RYAN's edged a little closer to the ETERNAL DALEK.

GRAHAM

Watch it. Getting a little too close.

RYAN moves back.

RYAN

Yeah. (TO THE ETERNAL DALEK) We'd fix it if we could. We can't.

DENPO

I can see the problem, my friend. They're right. They've done their best.

ETERNAL DALEK

Any Dalek drone could make this repair.

GRAHAM looks around the room, which is littered with dead Daleks.

GRAHAM

Didn't really plan ahead when you murdered them all, then, did you?

CUT TO:

38. EXT. ASTEROID

The VOID PHANTOM is just standing there.

YAZ (whispering)  
It's not moving.

THE DOCTOR  
It's like it doesn't see us. And ...  
no eyes. It had dozens of eyes  
last time.

YAZ  
It's blind?

Something's dawning on the DOCTOR.

THE DOCTOR  
(IMITATES ETERNAL DALEK) "Blind and  
defenceless".

CUT TO:

39. INT. MEDITATION CHAMBER.

GRAHAM and RYAN are enjoying a cuppa, but aren't taking their eyes off the ETERNAL DALEK.

RYAN  
That's all the other Daleks,  
right? He's the last one?

GRAHAM  
I mean. Yeah. I think so. We  
didn't lose count, did we? Seven  
down, one to go.

DENPO edges nearer to the ETERNAL DALEK.

ETERNAL DALEK  
Denpo?

DENPO  
I am here.

ETERNAL DALEK  
Forgive me. I killed Yul. That

was not my intention.

DENPO

Many died today. Including  
your (friends, BUT HE STUMBLES  
ON THE WORD), including other  
Daleks.

ETERNAL DALEK

At the moment of decision, I  
chose anger, I chose violence,  
I chose death. This, I think, is  
Dalek nature.

The prayer wheels start spinning. The air starts pulsing.

GRAHAM

What's going on?

RYAN

How's he doing that? It's  
him doing that, right?

CUT TO:

40. EXT. ASTEROID

Close in on the DOCTOR.

THE DOCTOR

There's no phantom.

YAZ (OOV)

Yeah, except ...

THE DOCTOR

It's not something that's  
been dormant here for a billion  
years. It's not something that's  
latched onto what the Daleks  
are doing. It is the Daleks.

Close in on the VOID PHANTOM.

THE DOCTOR (OOV)

It's a projection of the psyche  
of the Eternal Dalek, an  
avatar of its true nature.

When the VOID PHANTOM speaks, it's unmistakably the Eternal Dalek, but unmodulated.

VOID PHANTOM  
Not all of my true nature.

THE DOCTOR  
Perhaps not. The anger, the hatred, the desire to cause pain. So not all of a Dalek, but ... what? ... 90%? 95%?

VOID PHANTOM  
There is no way to calculate it, Doctor.

YAZ  
It killed Daleks.

THE DOCTOR  
Oh, deep down, it loathes the Daleks. Loathes itself, what it is. Can't escape what it is, can't escape that it's a being of the purest hatred.

VOID PHANTOM  
I did not know this was me. Not At first.

THE DOCTOR  
So it's down to just us, is it? The Doctor and a Dalek in the deepest, darkest depths of infinity.

VOID PHANTOM  
It would seem so.

The DOCTOR turns to YAZ.

THE DOCTOR  
Oh yeah. And Yaz. (BEAT)  
Hand me that gun, would you?

CUT TO:

41. INT. MEDITATION CHAMBER.

DENPO is reeling. A couple of the other MONKS are quivering on the floor. GRAHAM and RYAN are looking at each other.

ETERNAL DALEK

I will end suffering. I will end the  
Doctor's suffering. Come back, Doctor.  
You cannot hide from me.

CUT TO:

42. EXT. ASTEROID SURFACE

The DOCTOR and YAZ are running towards the Dalek machine. The DOCTOR is working on the Dalek gun with the sonic screwdriver as she runs.

THE DOCTOR

Run, don't walk! No need to  
pace yourself!

YAZ

I'm coming, I'm coming. I  
don't think it's following  
us.

THE DOCTOR

Course it is.

They've arrived at the edge of the crater. Pan down to see the huge Dalek machine is pulsing and spinning.

THE DOCTOR

OK. So. How does a Dalek  
gun work?

YAZ

Please, please tell me you  
already know the answer to  
that.

The DOCTOR holds up the gun. Indicates various places along it.

THE DOCTOR

The tube is a very, very  
ingenious alloy that can contain  
an astronomical amount of energy.  
There's some fancy tech at this

end that focuses and squirts  
out that energy. That's the  
trigger. And this end is where  
you plug in the power supply.

This end is ... dangling, disconnected Dalek wiring.

YAZ

It's not connected to  
anything. Doctor!

YAZ is reacting to the VOID PHANTOM, which has faded in  
behind them.

The DOCTOR grins.

The VOID PHANTOM steps towards the DOCTOR.

VOID PHANTOM

We will all soon be at eternal  
peace.

The DOCTOR steps into the path of the VOID PHANTOM, still  
holding the Dalek gun.

THE DOCTOR

Not today, thank you.

She jams the disconnected power cables into the VOID  
PHANTOM's chest.

She squeezes the trigger.

The Dalek gun fires ... the usual sound, but the energy bolt is  
pure black - the gun's using the psychic energy of the VOID  
PHANTOM as an energy source.

The DOCTOR wrestles to keep control of the gun as it shoots  
out a firehose of black energy, and as the VOID PHANTOM tries  
to bat her away.

THE DOCTOR

Yaz!

YAZ joins the DOCTOR, together they not only keep hold of the  
gun, but manage to get it to point down at the giant Dalek  
machine.

The VOID PHANTOM is screaming.

The energy bolt causes instant devastation.

A series of explosions start to destroy the Dalek machine.

The VOID PHANTOM is transparent, now.

THE DOCTOR  
OK. Brace yourself, this one's  
going to be big -

CUT TO:

43. INT. MEDITATION CHAMBER.

The ETERNAL DALEK is squealing, its casing rattling.

GRAHAM, RYAN and DENPO, all weak, dying, look deeply alarmed.

The prayer wheels are spinning so fast they're starting to fly off their spindles.

Smoke is pouring from the ETERNAL DALEK.

RYAN  
Look out, it's going to blow -

CUT TO:

44. EXT. ASTEROID VIEWED FROM SPACE

The asteroid, as seen from space.

A pinpoint of light on the asteroid where the crater is, another inside the monastery. Within seconds, the two points of light are connected by tendrils of energy.

One second later: a vast EXPLOSION, a booming blast of pure white light that burns out the screen and we ...

FADE TO:

45. EXT. HEAVEN

... a white void. Harmonious, golden-white, beautiful. Lovely music.

GRAHAM floats through this void. RYAN swims into view.

RYAN

I suppose I should feel scared.

GRAHAM

I guess this is it.

RYAN

Heaven?

GRAHAM

Feels like it, wouldn't you say?

RYAN

Feels amazing.

GRAHAM

Funny thing. We could have asked her, couldn't we? "Never mind Mars or going back to Roman times or whatever, what about Heaven?". I mean, I assume she knows the answer.

RYAN

I never really believed in any of that. This.

GRAHAM

Shush. They'll hear you.  
(BEAT) No, me neither.

RYAN

No sign of anyone else.

GRAHAM

You think there are big yellow Daleks in Heaven? Hey, you think ... you think Grace is ... ?

RYAN

Yeah. I mean ... I guess we'll find out. I feel great. Blissed out, but still good, yeah?

GRAHAM

Yeah. If this is how eternity feels, then ... I say we step into the light, yeah?

RYAN  
Yeah.

The sonic screwdriver noise breaks the tranquility.

CRASH TO:

46. INT. MEDITATION CHAMBER

The DOCTOR is waving the sonic screwdriver over GRAHAM's face. YAZ is watching, worried for her friends.

YAZ  
Everyone else is dead.

THE DOCTOR  
They're not.

GRAHAM and RYAN look so peaceful so, happy.

The DOCTOR's having none of it.

THE DOCTOR  
Wakey wakey!

GRAHAM and RYAN's eyes snap open.

GRAHAM  
You ... git!

The DOCTOR takes a step back.

THE DOCTOR  
"Thank you for saving my  
life, Doctor, you were  
brilliant."

We pull back to see the prayer wheels smouldering, shattered.  
the room is deathly quiet, now.

RYAN  
That was Heaven. I was in  
Heaven. The real Heaven. You  
said so.

GRAHAM  
It felt incredible. I can't even,  
I can't even describe how good.

Better than the best (beat)  
I'll finish that sentence when  
you're all a bit older. The point  
is: you're a complete git.

RYAN clambers to his feet.

RYAN

It's so dark here. Cold. God,  
I need to wash my hair, I think  
I've got bits of Dalek in it.

THE DOCTOR

I was there before, remember?  
Bright light, the perfect calm  
of endless nothing. Blah blah.  
Boring. Who'd want that?

GRAHAM and RYAN assess the room, which is full of dead Daleks  
and dead people. Pause on DENPO's body for a moment.

ETERNAL DALEK

What is happening?

The DOCTOR and her friends are all startled - they'd assumed  
it was dead.

YAZ

What always happens with  
you lot around.

THE DOCTOR

You've drained your psychic  
battery.

The DOCTOR contemplates this crippled Dalek.

ETERNAL DALEK

You have won, Doctor. You have  
defeated the Daleks.

THE DOCTOR (scathing)

Fantastic. So, so sorry. Geronimo.

ETERNAL DALEK

I strived to escape from this  
cycle of violence.

THE DOCTOR

I can grant you that release.

YAZ hesitates.

YAZ  
Doctor, what are you saying?

GRAHAM  
You're going to kill it?

RYAN  
Er ... how?

The DOCTOR is hunched over, checking the ETERNAL DALEK's base

YAZ  
I mean, OK, we can't take  
it back with us, but ...

The DOCTOR stands up, satisfied.

THE DOCTOR  
I'm not going to kill you. You  
can't move, you can't see,  
you can't exterminate, you  
can't repair yourself.

ETERNAL DALEK  
End my suffering.

THE DOCTOR  
No. You stay here. Forever.  
You're the Eternal Dalek. So  
you're going to stay here,  
alone with your Dalek nature,  
for all eternity. Right,  
everyone?

YAZ looks firm, GRAHAM and RYAN look around, both still a  
little shellshocked.

GRAHAM  
I mean ...

YAZ  
Yes. It murdered everyone here.

RYAN

Eternity?

GRAHAM

Are we voting? Or are you  
telling us that's the way it's  
going to be?

YAZ

Wait, are we still deciding ... ?

ETERNAL DALEK

Destroy me. That is my choice.  
Destroy me.

GRAHAM

Definitely not that.

RYAN

And not Heaven, either. That  
wouldn't be fair.

YAZ

We can show mercy. Not take  
it home, but ... not cause it  
suffering, either.

The DOCTOR has been watching all this thoughtfully.

She nods, reaches into gaps in the casing, adjusts a few  
things.

ETERNAL DALEK

Thank you, Doctor.

THE DOCTOR

Hibernation.

YAZ

Eternal sleep for the  
Eternal Dalek.

The DOCTOR, YAZ, GRAHAM and RYAN are stood over the ETERNAL  
DALEK as it powers down.

RYAN

Do they dream?

The DOCTOR considers this, gives a wry smile.

THE DOCTOR  
For the Daleks' sake, I hope not.

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