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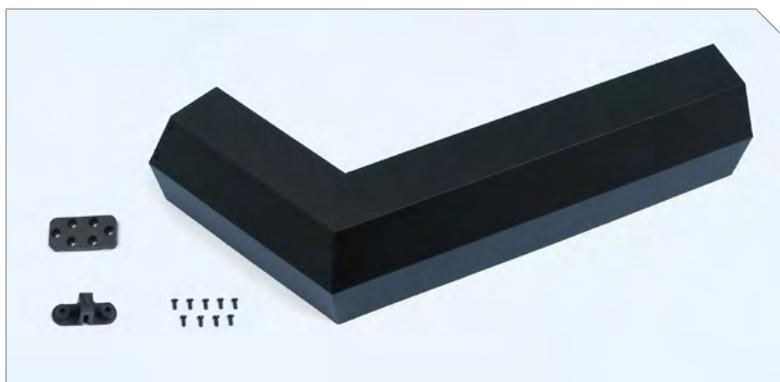
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ALL FLESH IS GRASS

The Eighth and Ninth Doctors ally themselves with the Daleks and the Great Vampires to bring an end to the Tenth Doctor's crusade against the Kotturuh in the Dark Times.

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In the early era of the universe known as the Dark Times, the peaceful planet Birinji is attacked by a deadly race called the Kotturuh. Its people are wiped out. Thousands of years pass. Birinji is a

dead world apart from a biodome filled with plants and insects, tended by an elderly Kotturuh, Inyit.

The Tenth Doctor travels back to the Dark Times to challenge the Kotturuh. Believing himself to be the Time Lord Victorious, he dons Gallifreyan robes and takes command of a group of spaceships called the Victis fleet. He unleashes a wave of lethal energy on the Kotturuh. Circling the planet Mordeela, he prepares to finish them off when the Eighth Doctor suddenly appears on a Dalek saucer ship. He is joined by the Ninth Doctor in a Coffin Ship crewed by vampires. They both tell him to stop.

Mordeela is destroyed before the two

Doctors can stop their future self. The Coffin Ship and the Daleks both attack the Tenth Doctor's fleet. He orders the fleet to return fire. An Ood assassin named Brian suggests that they employ the Kotturuh's own technology against the vampires and Daleks. He refuses.

The Daleks easily destroy most of the Victis fleet. Dalek Drones invade the lead battlecruiser, but Brian uses the Kotturuh's weapon – a stream of Uxaerian doomsday particles – to destroy them.

The Ninth Doctor asks Madam Ikalla if she can help. The vampire calls for the Bloodsmen to be awakened. They are the bodyguards of the Great Masters.

They slip aboard ships in the Victis fleet and begin to kill the crews.

Brian freezes time with another ancient weapon, creating an icefield in space. The three Doctors speak with each other telepathically. The Eighth Doctor asks the Tenth to stop his meddling. "When even the Daleks think you've gone too far, chances are you've gone too far," he says. They all agree to calm down their respective forces, but Brian continues to launch more weapons. The carnage continues until the Victis fleet is gone, with only the Tenth Doctor's battlecruiser remaining. It escapes.

Weeks pass. The Tenth Doctor and Brian travel to Entranxis and meet three weapons dealers called the Death Brokers. The Brokers have captured Madam Ikalla. The other two Doctors arrive to rescue her, but Dalek Drones also appear and try to claim her. The Eighth and Tenth Doctors return to the battlecruiser, which the Tenth has named the *HMS Donna*. The Ninth Doctor and Ikalla head for his TARDIS, chased by Daleks. It lands on the bridge of the *Donna*, and the three Doctors speak again. The Eighth sides with the Tenth in the belief that he should wipe out the Kotturuh. The Ninth Doctor is disgusted with them and leaves.

The Dalek Commander and Executioner watch a recorded message from the Emperor Dalek. They are ordered to use their presence in the Dark Times for "maximum advantage to the Dalek race". They destroy Entranxis with three Dalekanium missiles and then head for a new target.

The Ninth Doctor and Ikalla arrive on a desert world and meet an old priestess in a village. The Kotturuh soon appear and judge the priestess' people a failure. The Doctor interrupts and challenges their philosophy. A Dalek scout ship arrives and rams the Kotturuh's ship. The Daleks kill the Kotturuh. "The Daleks have appointed themselves the new Bringers of Death," the Doctor says. He and Ikalla retreat to the TARDIS. The Doctor sets course for Birinji.

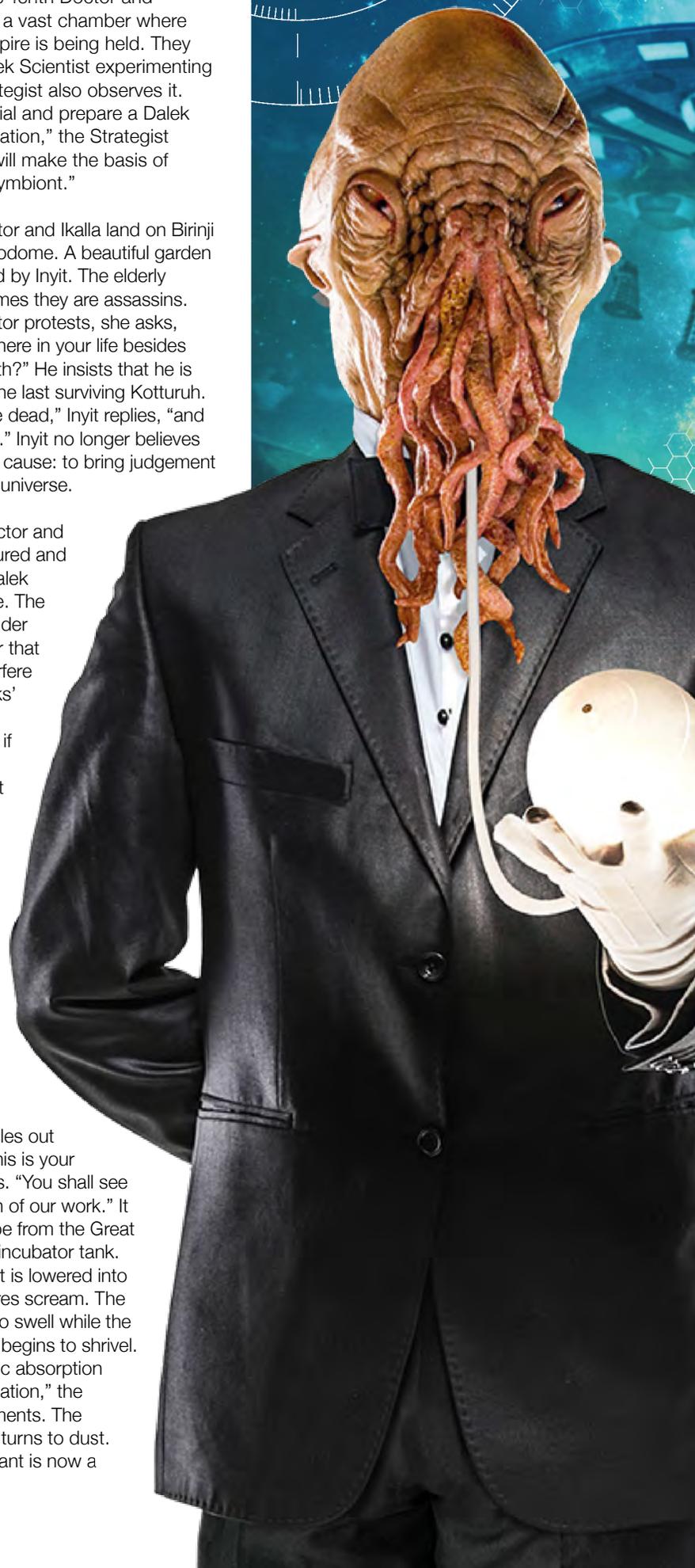
The Bloodsmen make contact with the Eighth and Tenth Doctors. A Bloodsman named Gelsin tells them that the Daleks have captured one of the Great Vampires. They home in on the TARDIS signal and materialise aboard the Dalek saucer ship, bringing Brian and Gelsin

with them. The Tenth Doctor and Gelsin explore a vast chamber where the Great Vampire is being held. They watch the Dalek Scientist experimenting on it. The Strategist also observes it. "Extract material and prepare a Dalek for experimentation," the Strategist orders. "This will make the basis of an excellent Symbiont."

The Ninth Doctor and Ikalla land on Birinji and find the biodome. A beautiful garden is being tended by Inyit. The elderly Kotturuh assumes they are assassins. When the Doctor protests, she asks, "What else is there in your life besides killing and death?" He insists that he is trying to help the last surviving Kotturuh. "My people are dead," Inyit replies, "and good riddance." Inyit no longer believes in her people's cause: to bring judgement to all life in the universe.

The Eighth Doctor and Brian are captured and taken to the Dalek saucer's bridge. The Time Commander tells the Doctor that he will not interfere with the "Daleks' Ultimate End!" Brian wonders if the Daleks are concerned that the last of the Kotturuh will soon pass judgement on them.

The Strategist thanks the Tenth Doctor: "You have eradicated a threat to all life. You have cleared obstacles out of your way. This is your reward," it says. "You shall see the culmination of our work." It connects a tube from the Great Vampire to an incubator tank. A Dalek mutant is lowered into it. Both creatures scream. The mutant starts to swell while the Great Vampire begins to shrivel. "Rate of genetic absorption is outside allocation," the Scientist comments. The Great Vampire turns to dust. The Dalek mutant is now a





Symbiont and has grown into a monster. The Doctor cracks its incubation tank with his sonic screwdriver, and the creature breaks free, thrashing its way towards the Scientist and the Strategist. It damages the saucer ship's drive carbine in its rampage.

Inyit tells the Ninth Doctor of the last legend of the Kotturuh: "It is why we told ourselves we must never cease in our task. The energies we became linked to on Mordeela are so strong that, unless channelled through us, they would be catastrophic." The Doctor wonders what will happen to the energy if the last Kotturuh dies before their quest is finished. Inyit says that the legend foretells of the dire consequence: "The Gates of Death will open."

The Tenth Doctor and Gelsin are reunited with the Eighth Doctor and Brian. They navigate the chaos inside the Dalek ship caused by the raging Dalek Symbiont. They all escape using Gelsin's apparator except for Brian, who chooses to remain.

A Dalek scout ship attacks the biodome on Birinji, but the *Donna* materialises in the middle of it, blasting it apart. The three Doctors have a telepathic conference. The

Tenth Doctor is told of the legend and is chastened by the thought of what might have happened if he had wiped out the Kotturuh completely. "The Kotturuh terrorised the Dark Times," he says. "It was right that they were stopped. But it wasn't right for me to think of them as Daleks – one homogenous mass of evil." He admits that he, like the Kotturuh, was corrupted by the power he was wielding.

Brian hides in the shadows of the huge chamber and listens to the Time Commander berate the Strategist. He learns of their mission regarding the "Ultimate End". The Symbiont has been captured. It registers no life signs on their scanners. All it says is "Kill". The Strategist shoots it

with no effect. "See?" the Strategist says to the Commander. "It is unstoppable. That is what makes it pure Dalek. It does not live, and so cannot die." Brian makes his way to the ship's propulsion chamber and checks the navigation readings. He calls the Tenth Doctor and gives him the coordinates. The Daleks are heading for Gallifrey to destroy it.

The Tenth Doctor rescues Brian in his TARDIS. The three Doctors, finally standing together, place the *Donna* between the Dalek saucer and Gallifrey, preparing to defend their young homeworld. Dalek Drones attack them, but Brian uses a reflective Kastrian barrier to protect the *Donna*. It sends the energy back at the drones, engulfing them.

The Doctors tell the mercenaries and the Bloodsmen to evacuate the *Donna*. Left alone, the Doctors calculate that the same three Time Lords and the same three TARDISes ramming a Dalek saucer should release a huge amount of Blinovitch Energy. They notice that the Dalek Drones hit by the Kastrian barrier are still alive – or rather, undead. They are all Symbionts. Before they can ram the *Donna* into the Dalek ship, three Coffin Ships appear, summoned by Gelsin. The vampires aid the Doctors.

The original Symbiont lands on Birinji and attacks Inyit. "My judgement is that you are as ridiculous as you are repellent," she says. "Be gone." The Symbiont is destroyed. Inyit's judgement spreads to the other Symbionts in space. The Daleks on the saucer retreat in fear, much to the Strategist's anger.

The Eighth Doctor returns to the saucer and tells the Daleks that Inyit's judgement is coming for them – they must return to their own time. He uses a crystal from Mordeela to create an explosion. The saucer is hurled into the Time Vortex.

The Ninth and Tenth Doctors take a moment to look at Gallifrey for the last time. They go to meet with Ikalla, who is kneeling over the body of Inyit. Ikalla smiles for the first time in her undead life. She says that she has changed, which is always life's response to death: "The Gates of Death took Inyit but left some of her behind in me."

Brian chooses to remain on Birinji with Ikalla and the mercenaries. The two Doctors leave them there, returning to their own destinies.



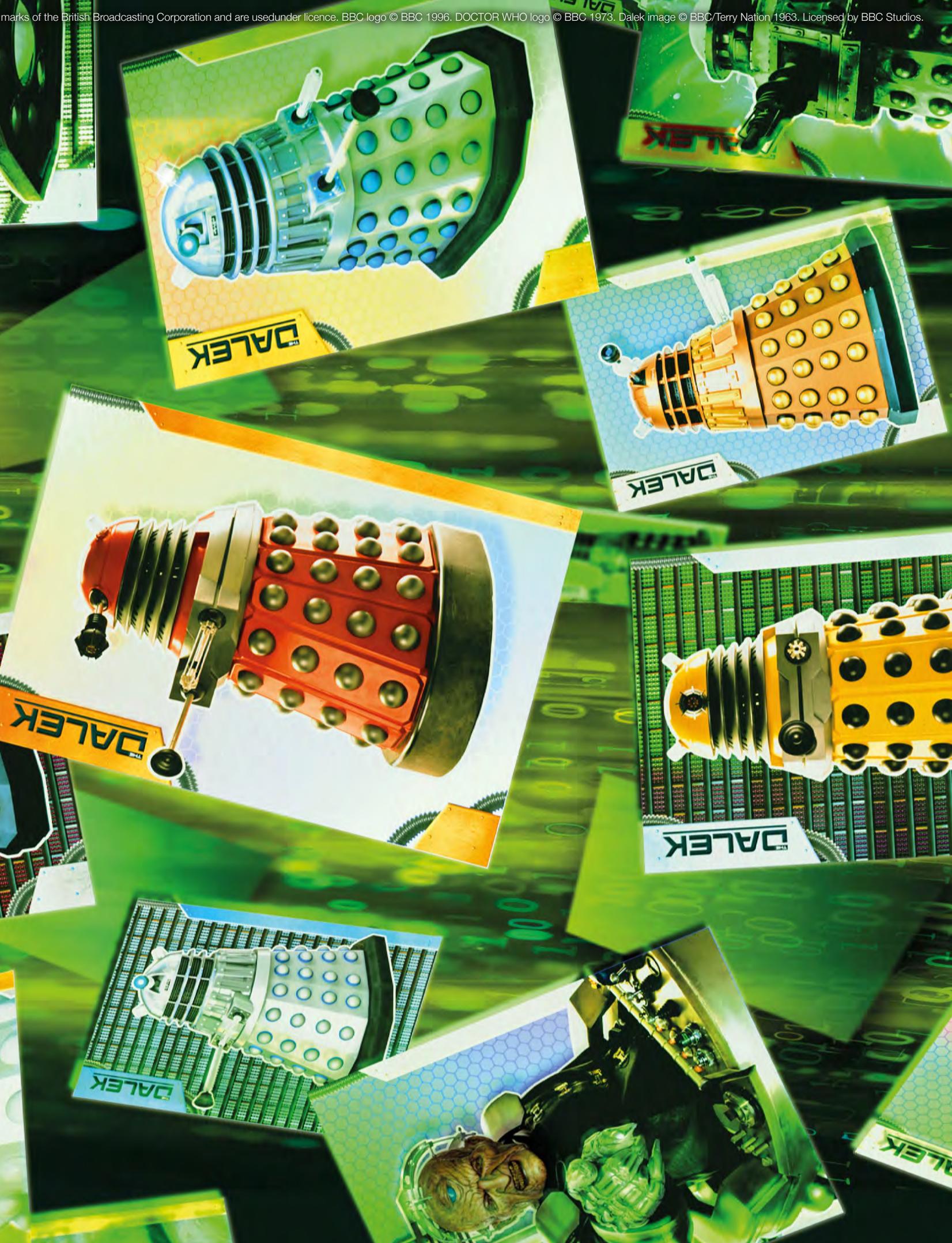
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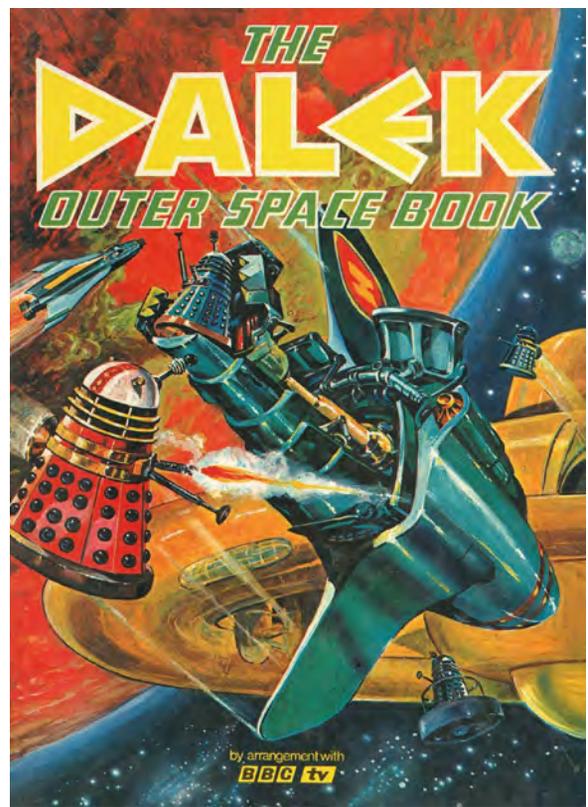
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THE DALEK OUTER SPACE BOOK



Souvenir Press had enjoyed success with two hardcover annuals: *The Dalek Book* in 1964 and *The Dalek World* in 1965. *The Dalek Outer Space Book* arrived on 8 September 1966, in plenty of time to materialise under Christmas trees around the country. Written by Terry Nation and Brad Ashton, it featured artwork by Richard Jennings, Leslie Walker, and John Woods.

The timing of this book was important: soon after, on 1 November 1966, Terry Nation approached the BBC with a proposal to record a pilot episode for a

solo Dalek TV series. The show's focus would be on a team of adventurers in the far future, battling the Daleks as agents of the Space Security Service. This concept had already been field-tested by Nation in 1965 in the 12-part *The Daleks' Master Plan* in *Doctor Who*. *The Dalek Outer Space Book* almost reads like an unofficial publicity document for Nation's proposed Dalek pilot. Sara Kingdom is the undisputed star of the book. Her tragic fate at the end of *The Daleks' Master Plan* is ignored here.

There are several impressive panoramic

paintings placed throughout the book. The first is the frontispiece showcasing a Dalek Saturn Probe. It has numbered captions explaining the many functions of the Dalek machines. *The Strata of Skaro* is next: it is a detailed cutaway of Skaro's underground regions, revealing all the dangerous areas of the Dalek homeland. Next is another cutaway painting showing the inner workings of the Dalesub: a massive underwater vessel. The book concludes with *The Great Mercury Plot*. This portrays the heroic actions of Commander Z, who piloted his spaceship into the Daleks' Proton Beam Projector, saving Earth and Venus but sacrificing his own life.

The first story is *The Dalek Trap*, a comic strip featuring space ace Don Morais and his co-pilot Zec. The pair find a drifting Earth spaceship lost 300 years ago and enter it. It turns out to be a trap set by the Daleks, and Don and Zec soon find themselves on Skaro. A Golden Dalek commands them to find the mineral doranium beneath Skaro's surface. After a dangerous journey, the men manage to escape the Daleks by using a metal water bottle to short out an electrical field.

Sara Kingdom is sent on a very important mission in the prose story *The Outlaw Planet*. She travels to the drought-stricken world of Barzilla, where she devises an elaborate ruse with the help of the Barzillians' leader, Harker



The Living Death.



The Underlings usually arrive from their subterranean lairs and capture the Daleks by their night of numbers.

Libra – a towering figure, “a six-foot-seven giant of a man.” The Golden Dalek is tricked into believing that Barzilla has a rich stream of gold running through it and sends an army of Daleks to invade. They are wiped out by the SSS forces.

Sara’s next mission unfolds as a comic-strip adventure, revealing that she possesses “the strength of ten men”. She infiltrates Vara – an oxygen-poor world ruled by Dalek Humanoids – where survival is a daily battle. There, Sara rescues Professor Lomborg and demonstrates her mastery of Dakaro, a refined form of karate, by dislocating an enemy’s spine with a single, precise thumb strike.

More information on Sara and her colleagues in the SSS is revealed in a

top-secret document. She is 23 and was born on Mars. Sara’s father was killed by space pirates when she was 21. She tracked down the pirates and killed them all. One of Sara’s allies is Seven, an android who looks human. There is a complex cutaway illustration that reveals his inner mechanisms. There is also a rundown on the weapons that SSS agents are equipped with, the spaceships they fly, and

many other devices they use, including a pocket computer with “over eleven million memory cells”.

The Living Death is a prose story involving a Dalek plan to put everyone on Earth to sleep for 40 years. It’s followed by *The Super Sub*, a comic strip that has Jeff Stone (perhaps a descendant of the Jeff Stone seen in *The Dalek Book*, set centuries earlier) discovering the remains of the Dalesub, a vessel that vanished over a thousand years ago.

The Secret of the Emperor shows the Dalek Emperor undergoing a crisis of confidence when one of his underlings challenges him. A memory probe reveals that a time-travel accident sent him to Earth in 1415, where he appeared at the battle of Agincourt. A knight demands

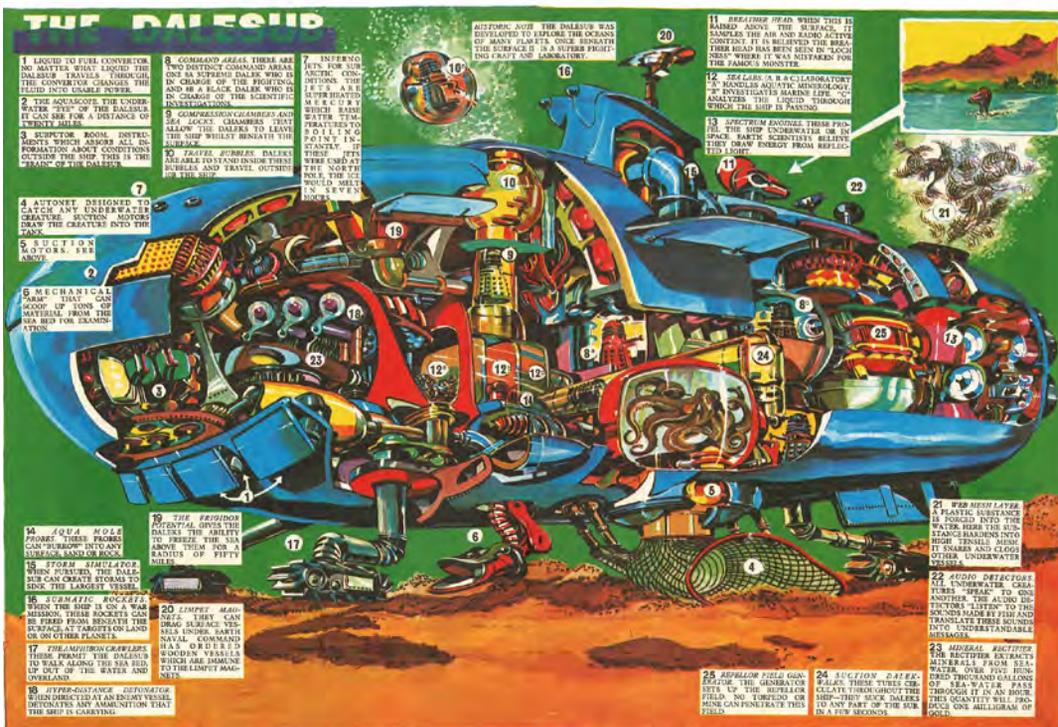
The Outlaw Planet.



that the Emperor yields. The Emperor has his own brain rebuilt, and he’s as good (or bad) as new.

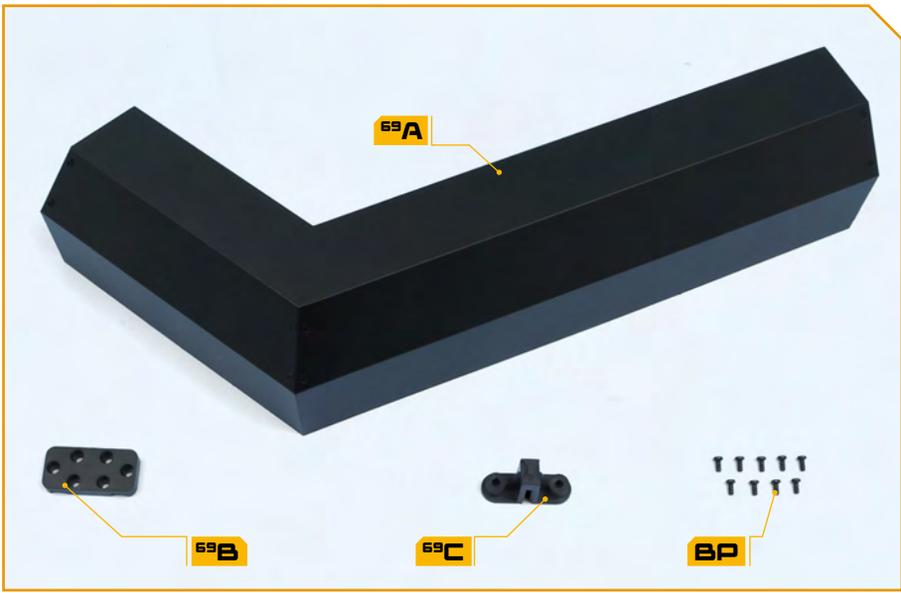
David Whitaker brought a great deal of invention to the first two Dalek hardbacks, and his absence is felt here. There is a curious lack of Dalek content – *The Sea Monsters* and *The Unwilling Traveller* are comic strip stories with no Daleks in sight. Likewise, *Chris Welkin Planetear* is taken from a British newspaper comic-strip by Russ Winterbotham and Art Sansom. This reprinted story has nothing to do with the Daleks and is most likely the result of an editor trying to fill pages on a reduced budget. But even the first Sara Kingdom comic-strip story is Dalek-less, and most of the others only give the readers fleeting glimpses of Skaro’s nastiest at best.

The book winds up with *Diamond Dust*, a prose story where the Daleks try to use a cloud of diamonds against Earth, and a comic strip titled *The Brain Tappers*, where Sara Kingdom uncovers a plot by the Emperor to read the minds of Earth’s greatest scientists. Once again, the Daleks are barely in it, only appearing as tiny figures in a single panel. It’s a very strange approach to take, as if the book’s creators were deliberately hiding its stars. Many young fans must have been disappointed.



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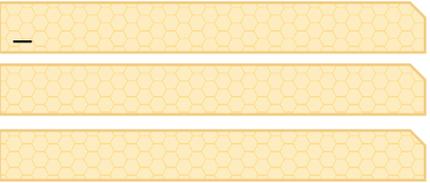
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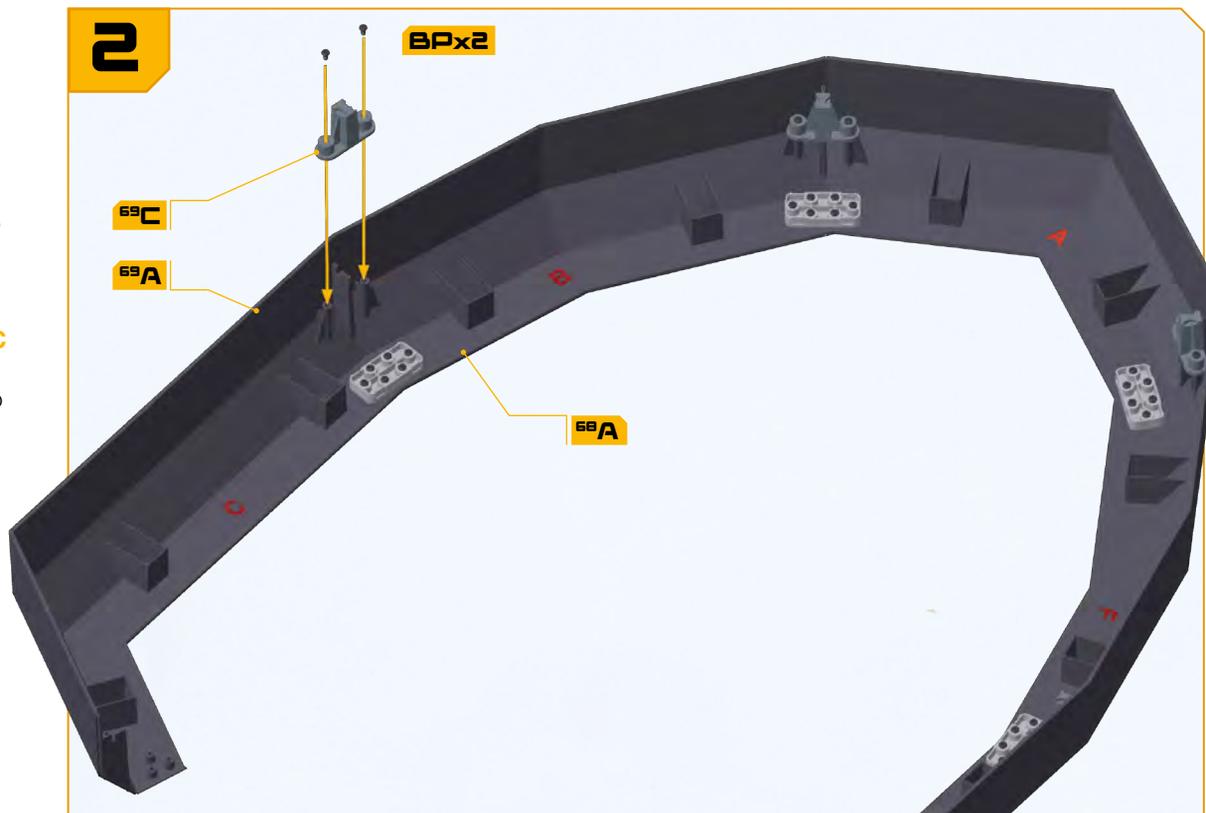
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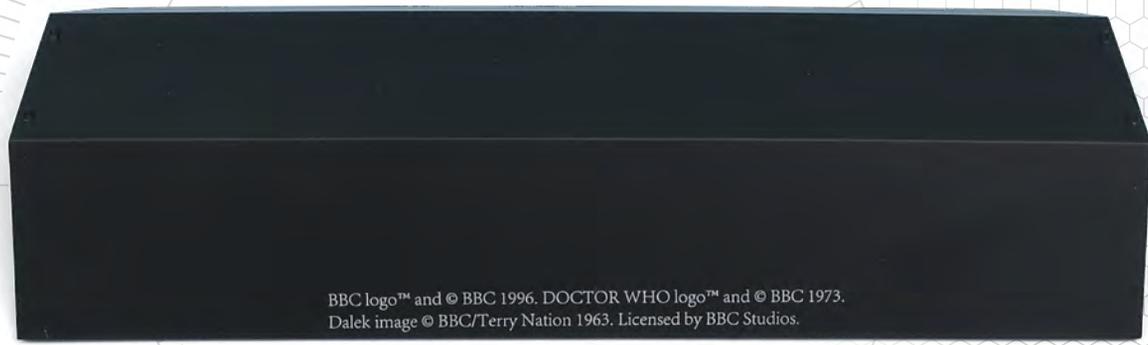
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